

Final BULLETINS

German Attacks Fail in Tunisia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA (AP) — The Germans launched repeated counterattacks, in a vigorous reaction to French attacks south of Pont du Fahs and west of Kairouan on the central Tunisian front, but made no progress, a French communique said tonight.

"We held the Terrain, taking many prisoners," the bulletin said.

Streetcars Crash

TORONTO (CP) — Eighteen persons were injured, none seriously, and scores were shaken up today as a result of two streetcar collisions in Toronto which were attributed to icy rails.

Big Damage at Turin

LONDON (CP) — Reconnaissance of Turin, the much-bombed north Italian industrial city, have disclosed that at least 70 factories were seriously damaged in the big R.A.F. raids between Nov. 28 and Dec. 9, the Air Ministry announced today.

Beef Shortage Soon At Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP) — Officials of independent packing houses here said today Vancouver will be short of beef soon because packers are finding it increasingly difficult to get cattle at prices which will yield them a return.

Civilian Soldiers

OTTAWA (CP) — The Ottawa Evening Citizen said today that compulsory transfer of labor in the case of men called up for military service but rejected for medical reasons is included in a new selective program which has been endorsed by the selective service advisory committee.

Allies Have Margin

WASHINGTON (AP) — War Secretary Henry Stimson said today the Germans in Tunisia appear to be gathering their strength for an attempt to turn the southern flank of the Allied army commanded by Lt. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

As to strength, "so far as we can estimate, we seem to have a fairly good margin," said Stimson.

Rumania Unrest Grows

ANKARA (AP) — Balkan sources said today discontent in Rumania with the government of Gen. Ion Antonescu, which led the country into alliance with Germany, is reaching a dangerous stage.

Juliana Awaits Stork

OTTAWA (CP) — The Dominion government will declare territorial "the room in an Ottawa hospital where a baby will be born late in January to Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, it was learned today.

Dimout Success

SEATTLE (AP) — The western Washington dimout has been so successful that airline pilots are often confused as to the identity of the towns they are flying over, Ted Bakeman, office of Civilian Defence lighting expert, discloses.

Warning to Japs

CANBERRA (AP) — Prime Minister John Curtin sent a Christmas message to Australian soldiers on many fronts today, telling them they had a message to deliver to Gen. Hideki Tojo, Japanese premier, next year and asking them to deliver it in "bullets, bombs and shells."

Germans in U.S. Free

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Starting tonight, the 20,000 German aliens in the west coast United States may come and go as they please, without regard to restrictions.

Offer \$500 Reward

CHILLIWACK (CP) — Canadian Pacific Airlines today posted a reward of \$500 for information leading to discovery of the Vancouver-bound transport plane with 13 persons aboard which disappeared Sunday night, apparently near this Fraser valley centre.

80,600 Germans Killed or Captured By Russians Night Before Christmas



Arlene McKenzie, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKenzie, 1170 Vista Heights, is waiting patiently for Santa Claus.

'A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS,' by CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE.

'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of midday to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen;
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!"
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, on the chimney he rose:
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

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R.A.F. Blasts Jap Buildings, Fields in Burma

NEW DELHI (CP) — R.A.F. fighters, blazing a way for British troops advancing into Burma, attacked Japanese installations at Rathedaung on the Mayu River Wednesday while other fighter formations attacked the Magwe airdrome and an oil refinery at Yenangyaung, a British headquarters communique said today.

Wellington bombers followed up these forays with a night assault on enemy airdromes, the bulletin said.

Despite the scope of the operations, all aircraft returned to their base.

Rathedaung, where the R.A.F. fighters shot up buildings, is about 25 miles northwest of Akyab and about 15 miles south-east of Alethang-Yow, which British troops occupied earlier this week in their drive down along the shore of the Bay of Bengal.

There was no further word on the progress of the land forces.

At Magwe, about 120 miles east of Akyab, a Japanese airdrome was strafed, an anti-aircraft battery was shot up and huts and dispersal areas were attacked with machine gun fire, the communique said.

Japanese at Buna In Desperate Straits

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia (CP) — Japanese forces in the Buna area of New Guinea, their fortifications pierced in many places and their ranks decimated by the determined Allied offensive, now are in desperate straits, an Allied headquarters communique said today.

"Our attack has breached enemy fortifications in many places," the moon communique said. "Many hundreds of his dead are being buried by our troops. His situation must now be regarded as desperate."

The location of the Japanese fortifications newly broken through was not given, but it was assumed they were in the area between Buna village and Cape Endiaderre, both of which are in Allied hands, and in the Cape Sananda sector, north-west of Buna.

The communique said planes were active in both those areas, attacking and burning Japanese positions, and attacking oil drums and barges near the government station section.

King's Broadcast

King George will broadcast his Christmas Day message to the Empire tomorrow morning at 7 P.M., to be heard here over station CBR. There will be a re-broadcast at 6 in the evening.

Ex-Axis Citizens In Canada Freed Of Restrictions

OTTAWA (CP) — The External Affairs Department today announced an amendment of the Defence of Canada Regulations, removing wartime restrictions placed on former subjects of enemy countries who have been naturalized in Canada since 1922.

The amendment means that about 11,000 former German citizens and 16,000 former Italian citizens, previously considered "enemy aliens" under the regulations, will have restored their full rights as naturalized British subjects.

Another amendment to the regulations brings loyal Austrian and Italian nationals into the scope of section 26-C, which for more than a year has exempted nationals of Finland, Rumania and Hungary from reporting as enemy aliens.

At the same time, it was announced that a "vigorous policy" had been adopted of revoking naturalization certificates of those of enemy origin who have shown disaffection and disloyalty.

No Times Till Monday

The Times will observe both Christmas Day and Boxing Day as holidays. The next issue of the Times will be Monday.

Different Christmas, This



New York's Times Square, New York, traditionally jammed with private cars, taxis, buses and dodging, squirming pedestrians, presented this deserted appearance at noon, at the height of Christmas week as the gasoline curfew stripped the streets of most private autos.

Allies at Dakar As N. Africa Fight Moves to Climax

LONDON (CP) — United States forces were disclosed today to have arrived in the French west African port of Dakar, welding the last big link in the Allies' chain of bases and supply ports, as the campaign to drive the enemy from north Africa moved steadily closer to its climax.

The Italian high command said Allied forces had launched an armor-supported thrust to recapture lost positions in Tunisia, presumably in Medjez-el-bab gateway sector before Tunis and Bizerte, but claimed it had been stopped.

This apparently was only part of increasing patrol activity on the Tunisian front, however, although the Italians claimed 300 prisoners, mostly Britons, were captured. There was no Allied report of any major new operation.

In Libya, the British communique said, there was "nothing to report" from the ground forces, but the Morocco radio broadcast a statement that Marshal Rommel's retreat was continuing with unslackened speed and his forces apparently were rushing to bolster the Axis' Tunisian defence.

Another Axis merchant ship was hit by British bombers on the closely-policed Mediterranean supply route, Cairo announced. The ship was last seen alive.

The Italian communique admitted the environs of Naples and the stepping-stone island of Lampedusa, between Sicily and Tunisia, had been attacked by bombers and some damage caused.

SEEN BY CORRESPONDENT

The news from Dakar was revealed in a dispatch from Associated Press correspondent Joseph Morton, who saw the Americans move in by land, sea and air and join their French Allies without demonstration or fanfare.

While their numbers were not large, their arrival symbolized the addition of Dakar to the list of Allied bases in Africa and left only a thin coastal strip of Tunisia and a slowly-diminishing portion of western Libya to the Axis on the Dark Continent.

Morton said the forces included members of the air force and supply services, technicians and an army-navy commission, headed by Vice-Admiral William Glassford. The commission has started work to determine how the city's airports and harbor facilities, as well as the remaining units of the French fleet, could best be fitted into the broad plan for expediting men and material to Africa and combating the submarine menace off the African coast.

Mid-Don Advance Keeps Up Pace



WHERE RUSSIANS HURL BACK NAZIS—In addition to the sweep in the Mid-Don region (3) and (4), Russian armies are continuing their offensive blows on the Voronezh (2), and Rzhev and Vyazma (1) sectors and in the Caucasus (5).

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP) — Pressing southward across the middle Don Steppes at an unchecked pace, the Red Army today captured several more Cossack towns and rapidly narrowed the 130-mile gap between Millerovo and Rostov on which the German command depended for land connection with its hundreds of thousands of men before Stalingrad and in the Caucasus.

The Russians were sweeping forward at a rate of 12 to 18 miles a day, and Pravda, the Communist Party organ, said the Germans in at least one sector were in wild disorder, leaving 17 undamaged Messerschmitt fighting planes on an airfield, which was suddenly scooped into the Soviet net.

The Russians drove an arc above the vital communications hub of Millerovo, approximately 130 miles from Rostov on the Don at the Sea of Azov.

They were within 67 miles of Voroshilovgrad, in the heart of the rich Donets basin, and within 37 miles of Kamensk, where the Millerovo-Rostov railway crosses the Donets.

Off to the southeast of the Russian thrust was Kotelnikovo, on the Stalingrad-Caucasus railway, 120 miles away.

By occupying the Cossack town of Olkhovoi Rog, the Russian forces had moved up to within 14 miles directly east of Millerovo.

The position of Millerovo doubtless was the German commanders' greatest concern at the moment, for the fall of that city of 15,000 population would leave them only one main line, the Kharkov-Taganrog-Rostov railway, and two secondary lines which connect south of Kamensk, as a means of communications to

German troops to the northeast and in the Caucasus.

The Russian tally of 80,600 Germans killed or captured—16,400 captured Wednesday alone—was swelled by today's official report which listed 1,000 prisoners from one division, including the division commander.

A Red Star dispatch also told of the capture of 2,200 of the enemy at one settlement which was surrounded.

At another place, Red Star said, the Russians seized 30 tanks which had been dug into the ground for defence.

The Soviet noon communique repeated the story of successes told in two war bulletins issued earlier in the day, which listed several towns taken in the Millerovo area and reported that in the first seven days of the offensive Russian troops advanced from 72 to 103 miles.

The early communiques also dwelt on the supplies captured from the retreating enemy and listed the prisoners taken since Dec. 16 at 36,000.

The story told by the Russians at midday was rich in the detail of the middle course of the Don, our troops continued their offensive and occupied a number of populated places. One unit, pursuing the retreating enemy, routed units of a German division. The commander of this division was taken prisoner with about 1,000 officers and men," the war bulletin said.

"In another sector the Germans attempted to make a counterattack. Red army men defeated the enemy and captured a populated place on the heels of the fleeing Hitlerites.

"More than 600 enemy dead remained on the battlefield. Much war material was captured and many prisoners were taken," it noted.

Over \$3,000 for Russian Aid

Victoria subscriptions to Canada's Aid-to-Russia Fund, with which to send medical supplies to the Russian front, went over the \$3,000 mark today, Gordon A. Campbell, honorary treasurer, announced at campaign headquarters, 1238 Government Street.

"Rush of the last two days indicates the appeal is meeting with a particularly generous Christmas response," said Mr. Campbell.

Latest subscriptions include: Standard Furniture Co. \$100, David Spencer Ltd. \$200, Rt. Rev. J. C. Cody, Bishop of Victoria, \$15; Mrs. C. D. Schofield \$20, Mrs. A. H. Tupper \$10, Mrs. J. H. Tupper \$10, Mrs. G. M. Tripp \$20, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tripp \$20, Florence Lister \$10, Anonymous \$10, D. W. Burnett \$10, Anon. \$50, Mrs. S. B. S. \$10, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Mout \$15, G. W. Orr \$10, L. J. D. Clack \$10, Anonymous \$25, Esquimalt Chapter No. 41, Order Eastern Star, \$12.50; Anon. \$10, A. N. Pineo, Portland, Ore., \$50; C. E. Ellis, \$15, Anonymous \$30, W. M. Day \$20, G. B. Slinger \$10, J. Rogers \$10, Anonymous \$15, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harman \$20, Robert Woody \$10, Mrs. M. Wingfield \$10, Marion Stevenson \$20, Saanich Peninsula Branch, Canadian Legion, \$10; Anonymous \$10, F. S. P. Buckle \$10, Mr. and Mrs. Barber-Starkey \$10, Anon. \$10, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilcox \$10, E. J. Dicker \$10, C. D. Anderson \$10, W. F. 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Long, Hard Way To Better Society, Says Pope Pius

LONDON (CP)—Pope Pius XII gave his Christmas blessing today, "to all those who, like the Crusaders, will fight for this and for a better Christian world."

Although he said the church would not take sides, he warned in his world broadcast from Vatican City that "a new danger has arisen—the subordination of everything to politics and the heresy of a national state which subordinates all to human law."

He recalled the church "has always condemned Marxist Socialism, and today it reaffirms that statement."

(As heard in Bern, Switzerland, the Pope placed Communism and Nazism on the same plane, declaring that "the church has condemned and still condemns Communism and National Socialism. These orders conflict with those of God. It is useless to fight without faith in God.")

SPOKE IN ITALIAN

The occasion was Pope Pius' response to Christmas Eve greet-

Welsh Boy Sings



LAC. DENIS COLLYER, the popular 19-year-old tenor of the R.A.F. stationed here in whose show "Smile" he is appearing at the Royal Victoria Theatre Jan. 6. He has been singing in choirs and concerts since he was 12 years of age and has won several talent competitions in Britain and also since he has been in Canada. His home is at Chepstow, Wales.

Ings from the Sacred College of Cardinals in Vatican City. He delivered his message, actually an allocation to the Roman Catholic faithful throughout the world, in Italian. Official translations were to be broadcast later in other tongues.

He set forth five "milestones" on what he said would be the long, hard way to a better society and the end of "this very sad period of anguish."

They were:

1. Humanity must be restored to the dignity "given it by the Creator."
2. There must be social reforms giving all exercise of full rights. The Pope mentioned specifically those of marriage and family.
3. Materialism must be abolished.
4. "Whoever wants peace must give back to work the place assigned to it by God, and protect the worker and his family with all the means modern society is able to provide."

5. "Whoever wants peace must collaborate for the deepest integration of the social and juridical order... this may be obtained only by the creation of legal tribunals."

The Pope said the existing legal rules should not be changed by internal revolutions, but that the state should adhere strictly to rules protecting the individual.

"Whoever wants peace must put himself at the service of society and fight for peace."

"What about the numerous violations of international rules and agreements?"

"What about the disrespect of agreements with reference to the fighting man in the battle-areas, prisoners of war, occupation of territory, all of which have been carried out in several places and several times with the utmost brutality?"

"What are the peoples of the world going to do about this?"

"Will not the people and those who desire peace and respect do something to create a better world on the wreckage of this present social order which has shown itself impotent to preserve peace, respect and dignity?"

"Will not the people do their utmost and never rest until society is guided back again to the respect of all rules?"

ERRORS AND DAMAGE

At one point in his address the Pope said "today the greater part of humanity bears responsibility for the errors and damage done. The dead impose upon mankind the duty of vowing for the achievement of salvation."

"The victims of aerial attacks impose upon mankind this vow. We have many times from the beginning of the war denounced aerial warfare."

As "custodian of natural and supernatural order," His Holiness said he "must ask observance of those rules on which human life is based and on which any new order in the world must be built."

The world desires peace, the Pope said.

"This peace must be not only an external peace among the nations of the world, but internal peace," he added. "Inside each nation there must be unity and love."

The Pope said he could not conceal his deep, impartial love for the Italian people.

Earlier he said his speech would be devoted to "the internal peace of all nations and peoples, without taking sides."

"It is odd to differentiate be-

3 in 10 Eligible Men In Canada's Forces

OTTAWA (CP)—Voluntary enlistments and call-up enrollments in the three armed services reached a grand total of 681,615 at Oct. 31, three years and nearly two months after the outbreak of war, it was disclosed today in a table released by the Defence Department.

That total represented 30.8 per cent of Canada's total eligible male population, those between the ages of 19 and 45. The actual voluntary response of Canadian manhood to the nation's call was shown by the fact that voluntary enlistments for service anywhere in the army, navy and air force numbered 616,598, stated to be 27.8 per cent of the total eligible male population of 2,215,800.

DISCHARGES NOT REPORTED

The table did not disclose the actual present strength of the armed forces as it made no statement of how many men have been discharged for medical or other reasons after enlistment. The last reported estimate, many months ago, placed discharges at more than 40,000.

Of 94,149 men enrolled compulsorily under the National Resources Mobilization Act, 29,132 subsequently enlisted for active service anywhere in the world. This left an apparent total of 65,017 "R" recruits who did not volunteer for service anywhere and remained liable for service in Canada only.

Enlistments in the army totaled 411,882; in the navy, 46,374 and in the air force 158,342. The proportion of "R" recruits who on going "active" went to the navy, the army and the air force was not stated.

Enlistments and percentages by military districts showed that the Maritime Provinces have responded more generously to the

call for men than any other section of the country.

The province of Quebec provided the lowest percentage of its eligible male population to the fighting forces. Percentage of total enlistments to eligible male population in Military District No. 4 (Montreal) was only 15.9, considerably less than half the percentage in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In M.D. No. 5 (Quebec) it was 9.6, about one-quarter the percentage for the two easternmost provinces.

Percentage of the total male population of M.D. No. 4 in the armed forces was 19.3, under half that of M.D. No. 6 and in M.D. No. 5 it was 12.3, less than one-third that of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Figures for the two easternmost provinces showed that 41.5 per cent of the total male population was in the armed forces and 37.9 per cent has volunteered for service anywhere.

M.D. No. 7 (New Brunswick) stood second with 39 per cent of its eligible population in uniform and 35.3 volunteered for service anywhere.

Eastern Ontario and part of Quebec (M.D. No. 3, Kingston) ranked third with 38.3 and 35.7 per cent respectively in the services and enlisted for service anywhere.

B.C. FOURTH HIGHEST

Fourth in the standing by districts was British Columbia (M.D. No. 11) with 36.4 and 34.8 per cent respectively. Then came the following in order: Central Ontario (M.D. No. 2, Toronto); 35.5 and 32.8; Alberta (M.D. No. 13) 34.6 and 31.7; Manitoba (M.D. No. 10) 33.9 and 30.9; Western Ontario (M.D. No. 1) 33.6 and 30.1; Saskatchewan (M.D. No. 12) 30.2 and 27.1; Western Quebec (M.D. No. 4, Montreal) 19.3 and 15.9; Eastern Quebec (M.D. No. 5, Quebec) 12.3 and 9.6.

BREAKDOWN

Following is a breakdown of enlistments in the three armed services from the start of the war to last Oct. 31, as made public by Defence Minister Ralston:

INTAKE INTO ARMED FORCES UP TO OCT. 31, 1942

(M.D. stands for Military District—1, London, Ont.; 2, Toronto; 3, Kingston, Ont.; 4, Montreal; 5, Quebec; 6, Halifax; 7, Saint John, N.B.; 10, Winnipeg; 11, Vancouver; 12, Regina; 13, Calgary.)

M.D.	Population Ages 19-45	R.C.N.	C.I.A.	R.C.A.F.	Total	Per Cent of Total Male Pop.
1	147,800	3,581	30,486	10,413	44,480	30.1
2	408,700	7,550	89,189	37,503	134,242	32.8
3	150,000	3,477	40,198	9,912	53,587	35.7
4	423,800	4,920	48,069	14,159	67,148	15.9
5	214,300	918	17,196	2,620	20,734	9.6
6	118,200	6,632	32,539	5,261	44,432	37.9
7	80,300	1,222	22,029	5,120	28,371	35.3
10	179,700	4,831	35,061	15,756	55,648	30.9
11	155,100	6,689	33,604	13,697	53,990	34.8
12	177,200	2,954	29,606	15,543	48,103	27.1
13	160,700	3,574	33,062	14,297	50,933	31.7
Unallotted		26	523	14,021	14,570	—
Total	2,215,800	46,374	411,882	158,342	616,598	27.8

INTAKE INTO ARMED FORCES (Second Section of Table)

M.D.	Call-up Enrollments	Total Enlistments and Enrollments	Recruits Enlisted	Net Total	Percentage Net Total to Male Pop.
1	7,179	51,659	1,947	49,712	33.6
2	14,261	148,503	3,385	145,118	35.5
3	5,877	59,375	1,937	57,438	38.3
4	20,231	87,419	5,435	81,984	19.3
5	8,191	28,845	2,564	26,281	12.3
6	6,336	51,168	2,137	49,031	41.5
7	4,411	32,782	1,429	31,353	39.0
10	7,541	63,189	2,284	60,905	33.9
11	5,749	59,739	2,289	57,450	36.4
12	7,987	56,090	2,638	53,452	30.2
13	6,475	57,408	2,049	55,359	34.4
Unallotted		14,570		14,570	—
Total	94,149	710,747	29,132	681,615	30.8

Death Penalty Urged for Defrauders On War Materials

WASHINGTON (AP)—Life imprisonment or death will be proposed in the new United States Congress as the maximum penalty for persons convicted of willfully manufacturing and delivering inferior or defective materials for the nation's armed forces, Representative Hobbs (Dem.-Alabama) said today.

The Alabamian, who said he would offer the legislation, told newspapermen he was "really shocked to find the penalty is so low."

Such a crime now is punishable only under fraud statutes, with maximum penalties running to two years' imprisonment or \$10,000 fine, or both, on conviction of conspiracy to defraud the United States, and 10 years' imprisonment, \$10,000 fine or both, on conviction of actual fraud.

"It is odd to differentiate be-

assured of some private property, especially a father with a big family."

He declared the church must fight against these barriers, appealing to a better society and an end to "this very sad period of anguish."

"The way will be long," he said. "The way will be hard, but there are five milestones,

Canadian Fliers Raid German Port From Low Level

LONDON (CP)—The R.C.A.F. announced today a Canadian squadron of Wellington bombers commanded by Wing Cmdr. D. A. R. Bradshaw of London, Ont., made a daylight sweep over north-western Germany Wednesday and carried out a low-level attack on a German port.

The low-flying aircraft bombed important industrial objectives from an altitude of 400 feet, taking advantage of heavy cloud cover. Returning crews reported strong ground defences, but said the barrage was not so fierce as in earlier attacks on this area.

One bomber captained by P.O. Bill Maitland of Vancouver swooped so low he could see German anti-aircraft gunners moving about and operating their weapons. His aircraft was hit in the tail by cannon fire, but he bombed his target, then took evasive action and returned safely.

(P.O. Maitland is the younger son of Attorney-General R. L. Maitland.)

None of the aircraft is missing and no opposition was encountered from enemy fighters.

Allied fighters and bombers smashed at trains and other railway targets in northern France, Belgium and western Germany, Wednesday night, the Air Ministry said today.

No indication was given of the size of the aerial force that crossed the Channel. The ministry spoke of them as "offensive patrols," and said the objectives were attacked and damaged.

None of the raiding party is missing.

Afternoon forays Wednesday took Allied craft over the docks at St. Malo, on France's north coast, and over targets at Den Helder, during sweeps over Brittany and Normandy. The ministry said no enemy air opposition was encountered in the afternoon-raiding.

Potato Growers 'Sitting Tight'

VANCOUVER (CP)—Summary of a conference Tuesday of coast potato growers' and Prices Board officials has been mailed to Donald Gordon, chairman of the board, who Wednesday named V. B. Robinson, foods officer of the board here, to investigate the B.C. potato situation.

Following the conference, the growers' committee wired federal officials threatening to stop supplying potatoes to the armed forces Jan. 1, unless an immediate review is made of the potato situation. Growers have not been shipping to the market for more than a month in protest against the board order lowering the price ceiling.

Reeve R. M. Grauer of Richmond Municipality, chairman of the coast potato growers' committee, said today that "we are just waiting now for any action which may result from Mr. Robinson's study of the situation. We're sitting tight until after the holiday."

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Letters to the Editor

FUEL RATIONING

In reply to the letter in yesterday's issue re the rationing of fuel, I wish to state that this is an excellent idea.

Why not have a forestry branch formed of members from the forces, to cut down the timber, if labor is hard to get?

My home is not in Victoria, yet I hear of instances on every hand of housewives struggling along with insufficient fuel, and how hard it is to get a new supply delivered.

Willing as are all these women to co-operate with the government and make sacrifices at this time, if they were assured of a rationed supply of fuel it would surely be a great boost to their morale.

As the writer says, food has been rationed most satisfactorily—so why not fuel?

MRS. A. KAUTZ
Calgary, Alta., Dec. 15.

RENTAL CONTROL

The most recent dispatch emanating from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board Rental Control czar certainly, at one fell swoop, tears away once and for all any ideas one might have entertained that this is a land of democracy. Hereafter, Mr. Landlord, you are as much a slave to this august body as if you were in Germany under Hitler.

You may think you own your own home, or you may think you can do as you wish with what you have bought and paid for—maybe over a period of years. But just try to do as you like and you will soon discover that you own nothing; your title in fee simple is a jest, and the undesirable tenant who refuses to pay his rent, breaks or smashes or disfigures and damages your property, can go on and do just that and walk off at his pleasure.

Your redress in more in theory than in fact.

Who gave this autocratic body all this power? — certainly I didn't when I voted for a government of the people for the people. Certainly the mass of Canadian citizens did not say to this corporate body incarnate you can do as you like with the body and soul of Canada as represented in its 11 million souls. Is it to be wondered at that one is rebellious of this tyranny, for tyranny it is?

Who in hell is this O'Mara who can tell you or me that even if I am not satisfied with tenants I cannot, under a threat of dire legal punishment, give them one, two, or three months' notice to vacate?

What is going to be done about all this power, and who gave this power. Are these controllers our masters or are they servants of the people of Canada who pay their salaries?

FRANK L. GODFREY
Sidney, B.C., Dec. 10.

2 New Brigadiers

OTTAWA (CP)—Promotion of Lt.-Col. E. A. Blais, 50, of the Royal 22nd Regiment to rank of brigadier and his appointment as district officer commanding Military District No. 5, with headquarters at Quebec, has been announced by Defence Minister Ralston.

Lt.-Col. G. U. Francoeur, 49, has been appointed commander of an infantry brigade in Quebec province, with rank of brigadier.

A.F.L. Denounces Nazis

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Wm. Green of the American Federation of Labor issued a statement Wednesday declaring his organization "denounces Nazi savagery toward the Jews as a crime against man and God."

Australian Corvette Sunk By Japs; 43 Saved

CANBERRA (CP)—The Australian government announced today the 938-ton corvette Armidale was sunk by Japanese bombers some 250 miles northwest of Darwin early in December with loss of two officers and 38 men.

Forty-three other members of the crew were rescued after tossing on the sea in lifeboats for several days.

Before going down, the announcement said, the Armidale destroyed one enemy bomber and a fighter, and possibly accounted for a second fighter.

The Armidale, which had been

used as a minesweeper, was commissioned last June.

She was the ninth vessel reported lost by the small Australian navy. The others included the cruisers Canberra, Sydney and Perth—half the navy's cruiser strength—three destroyers and two sloops.

Loan Totals

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Treasury's Victory Loan drive has gone over the top by \$2,200,000,000, Daniel Bell, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, reported Wednesday night. In opening the drive Dec. 1, the Treasury set a goal of \$9,000,000,000.



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CAIRO (AP)—Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Christmas message to his army reads as follows:

"The 8th Army turned the enemy out of the famous El Aghella position and is now advancing into Tripolitania. It is wonderful what has been achieved since Oct. 23, when we started the Battle of Egypt."

"Before the battle began I sent you a message, in which I said: 'Let us pray that the Lord, mighty in battle, will give us victory.'"

"He has done so, and I know you will agree with me when I say that we must not forget to thank Him for His mercies."

"It is now Christmas time and

we are all thinking about our families and friends in the home country. I want to send you all my very best wishes and my hope that 1943 will be a very happy year for each one of you."

"I have received a Christmas greeting from Hull, Yorkshire. It is quite the nicest I ever received. My only regret is that I cannot answer it, as the writer gave no address. But I shall treasure it all my life."

"It was intended for you as well as for me, and is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—To wish you and our lads of the 8th Army a very Happy Christmas. Good health. Good luck. And, by the grace of God, victory in 1943. Keep 'em on the run, Monty. Best wishes from a Yorkshire lass with a lad in the army."

"What better Christmas greeting can I send on to you than the one from the Yorkshire lass?"

"I would like to tell her from us all that we will do our best to 'keep 'em on the run.'"

"Good luck to you, and in the words of Tiny Tim in Dickens' Christmas Carol: 'God bless us all, each one of us.'"

Named Instructor

WINNIPEG (CP)—Flt. Sgt. Sigurdur Lee, Winnipeg navigator with the R.C.A.F. bombing crew which toured Canada in September after raiding Saarbrücken, has been posted to the instructional staff at No. 5 Air Observers' School here with the rank of pilot officer.

Question Period

LONDON (CP)—Lord Addison, leader of the Labor peers, proposes the House of Lords take a leaf from the House of Commons' book and have a regular question time at the beginning of each sitting. At present, if a peer puts down a question, he has to wait until the end of the sitting unless he wants the matter debated.

Lord Addison's suggestion, which has considerable support, is for a question period of 10 or 15 minutes, compared with the Commons' hour. Before a decision can be taken it will have to be considered by the select committee on procedure.

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The plants were sent following an exchange of correspondence with Mr. Blakeslee, who has been experimenting in rubber-yielding plants for a number of years. Officials said the gardens here were the only place he could obtain the plants.

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Salvage Corps Has Christmas Party



Three cheers for L. E. Taylor Tang through the Cloverdale Salvage Barn at noon yesterday as 175 committee and active members of the B.C. Salvage Corps showed their appreciation for a splendid Christmas dinner and entertainment.

Mr. Taylor inaugurated the idea of an annual party last year, and spared no pains to make yesterday's celebration a success. The above picture shows part of the crowd.

Everybody had contributed to the dinner, some with mince pies, some with vegetables, others with cranberry sauce. Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. W. C. Woodward sent a Christmas cake. The turkeys were donated.

Set between huge bales of newspaper, bundles of colored rags, crates of scrap metal, all sorted and packed, the lunch room was gay with Christmas decorations and cheery greetings.

Miss Sara Spencer, president of the Salvage Corps, sat next to Maj. Harold Brown, president of the Citizens' War Services committee, at the head table, with A. H. Pease, honorary manager; Cmdr. S. J. Hincks, manager; and Mrs. A. D. Poyntz, known as "Mother" to many of the corps members. Others welcoming guests were Mrs. L. Humphries, H. Pott, A. K. Mathers, Oliver Prentice and S. J. D. Clack.

STREETCAR AS STAGE
Ingenuity of the workers was evidenced in the cleverly-arranged "stage" made out of an old streetcar, from which an amusing puppet show was given by Maj. and Mrs. K. MacDougall, accompanied by recordings.

Maj. Brown, introduced by Mr. Pease, expressed amazement at the amount of work accomplished by the Salvage Corps and regret the public is far from realizing the extent and importance of their achievements.

The first support of the corps is British Bundles, he said, and in line with the government officials who have announced their intention of relying on the new Civilian War Activities Committees (to be formed in the New Year) to release them of financial responsibility; second, support of the Salvage Corps will be the comfort and welfare of troops.

In this connection Maj. Brown said: "Victoria is now an important garrison city, and for this reason has many men who feel a definite spiritual lack unless the hand of friendship is extended. To provide for their welfare is a noble and necessary objective."

The puppet show was followed by the surprise appearance of "Charlie McCarthy" on the stage, with A. J. Craddock.

The gold and blue salvage insignia is the bond between old women and young, the pretty and the practical, truck-drivers, sorters and office staff. The salvage collected is put to its most profitable use; the steel goes to eastern smelters, rubber to a government designated factory, newspaper and magazines are sold to the Sidney Roofing Co., to be pulped; cast iron, copper and brass are used locally, in the construction of ships and munitions.

R.C.A.F. Recruit Party Here Early Next Month

A R.C.A.F. mobile recruiting unit will visit Victoria Jan. 5 to 8 inclusive. The unit will make its headquarters at the Strathcona Hotel.

The recruiting party will consist of a recruiting officer, medical officer, Women's Division officer and airman, fully equipped to administer most of the tests and medical examinations necessary prior to enlistment for both men and women.

Those wishing to make application should send in applications as soon as possible to No. 1 Recruiting Centre, R.C.A.F. Vancouver.

Allow 17-Year-Olds To Join Army

OTTAWA (CP)—Boys of 17 are authorized to enlist in active units or formations of the Canadian army under an order-in-council made public Wednesday in Canadian war orders and regulations, 1942.

This announcement followed a memorandum to the treasury board from Defence Minister Ralston reporting that when a person aged 18 enlisted in the army valuable months were consumed in basic training and subsequently in trades and technical training.

The proposal to allow enlistment of 17-year-olds would enable them to undergo trades and elementary military training "during the period immediately prior to their attainment of the full age normally required for enlistment."

It is provided that no boy of 17 shall be enlisted without having previously obtained the written consent of his parents or guardian.

Under present regulations, the lowest age at which men are liable for compulsory military service is 19.

BEST WISHES

May we find
Joy ... in
knowing that
the Spirit of
Christmas
is as beautiful today as ever
... and that Faith, Love and
Tolerance will never die.
Yuletide Greetings

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'Sunny Jim' Creator Dies in New York
NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Minnie Maud Hanft Ayers, 62, creator of "Sunny Jim," a cheerful gnomish character who for 40 years has been part of American advertising, died Wednesday of a heart ailment. She had been ill for three months.

Mrs. Ayers, widow of Raymond F. Ayers, former editor of the children's page of The New York Herald, invented the famed advertising character when she was in her twenties.

A writer of amusing rhymed couplets, Mrs. Ayers in six lines transformed Dismal Jim Dumps into Sunny Jim, through his discovery of cereal.

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Weddings

FERGUSON-RANKIN

At a quiet late afternoon wedding Wednesday Kathleen Irene, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. W. Rankin, Vancouver, became the bride of LAC. D. Ross Ferguson, R.C.A.F., son of Mrs. G. E. Ferguson, and the late Mr. T. B. Ferguson of Victoria. The ceremony was solemnized in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Vancouver, by Rev. Canon H. G. King. The bride wore her mother's orange blossoms and veil which cascaded over misty blue tulle, while her gown was of fine white silk jersey, the long bodice gathered at the hipline with white lace corresponding to the lace outlining the period neckline. The full skirt was gathered into a train, and she carried a shower bouquet of gardenias and white heather. Miss Daphne Rankin attended the bride wearing sea-spray featherweight wool jersey with radiating tucks in the bodice, fashioned with a pettop skirt. Her gold kid belt and cap harmonizing with the tawny mums in her shower bouquet. Mr. John Monteith of Victoria was best man, while Mr. Harold Price and LAC. A. Glenford Dickson, R.C.A.F., were ushers.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 1640 Harwood Avenue, Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson left for a honeymoon in Ottawa, after which they will live in eastern Canada. For traveling the bride wore a sea-spray wool frock, cinnamon brown topcoat and carried a muff.

The couple left for a honeymoon in Vancouver and Nanaimo, after which they will reside in Victoria.

Nanaimo Pioneers Wed 50 Years

Two Nanaimo pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, celebrated their golden wedding Wednesday at their home on Chapel Street. Both were born in England and have lived in Nanaimo 54 years, being married in the old Haliburton Street Methodist Mission.

Mr. Johnson was president of the miners' union when it had only Canadian affiliations, also president of the old Liberal Association for 10 years. During the regime of Sir Wilfred Laurier he accepted an appointment as cashier and computer clerk in the Customs at Nanaimo, from which he retired 25 years later. He is a past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and his wife is a past chief of Pythian Sisters.

Mrs. Fred Spencer of Victoria was a guest at the celebrations yesterday. Mrs. W. F. Drysdale and Mrs. R. T. Wilson presided at the tea urns. Assisting were Mrs. D. Norcott, Vancouver, and Mrs. I. Soule, Vancouver; Misses Winona Hunter, Margaret Green and Phyllis Kevila. Mrs. F. L. Reynolds was soloist, and Mrs. J. F. Newman, accompanist.



MRS. JOAN KENNEDY of Berkeley, Cal., and her adorable little daughter, Frances, smile for the Times cameraman in this happy and informal pose, caught yesterday at "Little Harbor," Esquimalt, the home of the baby's grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Rickard. Dr. and Mrs. Joan Rickard and their baby daughter are spending some weeks in Victoria.

Social and Personal

Miss Elizabeth Campbell arrived today from Vancouver to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Campbell, Dallas Road.

Miss Marie Carmie will arrive from Vancouver Christmas morning to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. M. Foot, Uplands. She will be accompanied by Miss Marjorie Deane of Vancouver, who will be her house-guest for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gordon of Whitehorse, Y.T., who are spending the winter in Vancouver, have arrived from the mainland to be the guests of Mr. Gordon's sister, Mrs. Deane Spencer, "The Rocks," Cook Street, for the Christmas season.

Asst. Section Officer Frances E. Graham, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), and Miss Aileen Graham of Montreal, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Graham, Joan Crescent, will spend the Christmas holiday in Ottawa as the guests of Lt. Col. and Mrs. George L. Cameron.

Mrs. Georges Lossen, the former Marguerite Devlin of Oak Bay, and her two children, Jacqueline and Jean Pierre, now living on Salt Spring Island, arrived in Vancouver Tuesday evening to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Otto De Muth. They will remain as their guests until after the New Year.

Mrs. R. Brooks arrived today from Vancouver to attend the wedding Saturday morning of her son, Mr. Angus MacDonald, to Miss Kathleen Mabel Cornwall, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Cornwall, Arbutus Road. Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall have as their guests for Christmas and the wedding their son and daughters, Pte. Robert F. Cornwall, R.C.O.C., and Miss Evelyn Cornwall, Vancouver; Miss Eileen Cornwall, R.N., Ashcroft, and AW2 Betty Cornwall, Dufour, Sask., and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert F. Cornwall.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferris left today for Vancouver to spend the holiday season in the mainland city as the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ferris.

Mr. Robert Lindgren arrived this afternoon from Vancouver to be with his mother, Mrs. Ren H. Lindgren, Moss Street, until Sunday.

Lieut. Randle Mathews, R.C.N. V.R., will arrive in Victoria tonight to spend his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mathews, Roberts Bay, Sidney.

AC2 E. Elford, R.C.A.F., and his sister, Mrs. Douglas MacLennan, with her little daughter, Sandra, arrived Wednesday afternoon from Vancouver to be the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Elford, Elford Street, for Christmas.

Christmas Day parties planned in private homes include the dinner which the U.S. Consul and Mrs. Reed Paige Clark will give at "Rifflington," Uplands, for members of the United States Air Corps now stationed in this district. Those invited include Major and Mrs. Roger P. Clark and their two sons, Roger Pratt Clark, Jr., and Robert Burgess Clark, who are here for the Christmas holidays from Storm King School, New York; Major and Mrs. Glen G. Heavenridge, Major William O. Schock, Major Harold F. Pelham, and Mrs. J. A. McLeod, of Kentucky.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the 31st Batt. C.E.F. Assn. entertained the men and the children to a Christmas banquet at the Sons of England Hall, Broad Street, Wednesday night, under the convenship of Mrs. M. Dawson. A wonderful variety of amusements was provided. The four "Pacific Rollers" were the main feature of the hour, these clever young people with their roller skates being much applauded. Mrs. Walter Wells, accompanied by Cornelia P. Bowley-Turner, sang two songs, and the ladies, under the capable direction of Mrs. T. Baldwin, served a beautiful repast.

Mrs. Florence Murtle and Mrs. Jack Marston were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower at the home of the latter, Richmond Road, Monday evening, when the guest of honor was Miss Frances Wood, whose marriage to Mr. Frank Edward Hollins, R.C.A.F., will take place Saturday evening. The many pretty gifts were found under a lighted Christmas tree, and Yuletide decorations were arranged throughout the rooms. The bride-to-be received a corsage bouquet of mauve chrysanthemums, while her mother, Mrs. R. J. Wood, received one of pink carnations. Other guests included Mesdames D. F. Hollins, B. Chambers, S. McCracken, and the Misses A. Wilkinson, J. Steeves, M. Andrews, M. Wright, B. Chambers and P. Goin.

Col. Joan Kennedy Sends Greetings To Cwacs Overseas

OTTAWA — Lt.-Col. Joan B. Kennedy, director of the Canadian Women's Army Corps has sent to the members of the corps now serving in Great Britain a special Christmas message. Col. Kennedy's greeting is as follows:

"Here, in Canada, our thoughts this Christmas season are especially with you, and I know yours are with us and with your people here at home. On this, Canada's fourth Christmas at war, which for many of you is not only your first Christmas in His Majesty's service, but also your first Christmas in Britain, I feel that, as director of the Canadian Women's Army Corps, I am privileged to send you a very special greeting. "The opportunity has been afforded you to play a great role in the united effort for freedom. No task can be considered too menial since it is the contribution of the individual that counts, and you, as Canada's representatives of her 'Women in Khaki' have the privilege of serving abroad. I feel confident now, as I have always, that as members of Canada's women's army, you will carry out any duties required of you in a manner which will mark you as true Canadian soldiers. "Canada is proud of the work you are doing overseas, and on behalf of all ranks I send our warmest greetings and most sincere good wishes. May your Christmas be merry and may the new year bring to you the fulfillment of your purpose—Victory, peace and happiness." (Signed)

JOAN B. KENNEDY,
Lt.-Col.
Director C.W.A.C.

Victoria Cwacs Graduate in East

STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE, Que. (CP)—A large class of qualified noncommissioned officers graduated from the Canadian Women's Army Corps training centre here Wednesday. The class was inspected by Brig.-Gen. E. De B. Panet, district officer commanding military district No. 4.

Graduated included: Pts. V. T. Daubert, E. M. Hartley, L. Cpl. G. Kimber, Pte. B. Richardson, Victoria; L. Cpl. M. M. Rolke, Victoria; Pte. H. P. Strangland, Victoria; Pte. E. M. Stone, Victoria; Pte. B. I. Pyler, Victoria; Sgt. J. R. Wardlaw, Victoria; Pte. J. W. Paterson, Victoria; Pte. K. C. Pauling, Victoria; Pte. B. Rankin, Victoria.

Women's Benefit Association held their annual Christmas party for children of the members, Monday afternoon in the S.O.E. Hall, each child receiving a gift from the gaily decorated tree, also fruit and candy. Games were played during the afternoon and the children were served supper from a table decorated with Christmas motifs. A short business meeting was held in the evening, president Mrs. M. Stephen presided. Remaining officers are Color Bearers, Mrs. A. Malcolm, Mrs. M. Trousdale, S. Cameron and Ada Davis. Mrs. S. Keefe and Mrs. A. Brooks were appointed Standard Bearers. Outer Guard, Mrs. M. Laxton, and Officer of the Day, Mrs. J. Winter. Mrs. Caroline O'Brien, Provincial Field Director will install the officers, Jan. 4; Ladies of Ceremonies for the evening will be Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. Bowden. Refreshments followed.



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OTTAWA (CP)—Evidence that increasing numbers of women are taking jobs previously restricted to men is contained in a report recently compiled by the 13,200 establishments in eight leading industries.

Detailed figures show significant increases in the numbers and proportion of female workers in manufacturing, a trend considered particularly remarkable because a large part of the war expansion in manufacturing has been in heavy industries in which few women were employed in pre-war years.

The firms reporting to the bureau at Oct. 1 employed a total of 1,403,353 men and 412,319 women. Each of these firms had 15 or more employees and if smaller employers had been included it is believed the percentage of women workers would have been even greater.

In a comparison between 1940 and 1942, the bureau found that the percentage of women wage-earners had increased by more than 13 per cent. The percentage of women wage-earners in factories increased 18 per cent in the same period.



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(Other Women's News Page 7)

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S. Sgt. John Baylis is on furlough from Debert, N.S., and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Baylis, at their home, "Midwood," View Royal.

WHEEL-CHAIR BRIDE
CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Iola Taylor Swinnerton, 39, called the "stone woman," because she is a victim of an unusual disease known as "myositis ossificans," and Theron V. Warren, 42, organist and shipyard worker, were married Wednesday night. The disease is characterized by hardening of the muscles, and the formation of bony deposits. Her legs are so involved she is unable to walk, but is able to use a wheel-chair, because she has retained the use of her arms.

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Munich-Terry Drug Store, Victoria, E 1107
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Bits and Pieces
By N. H.

No more shopping days, to Christmas. And I don't know who is the happiest, the worn-out store clerks or the worn-out shopper. It is bad enough to be one of a hundred others milling about a counter trying to complete a list of "musts" which are either on the priority list or sold out, trying to make up one's mind as to what little John or Big Bill would like in its place, while others in the herd dig you in the back with an oversize box or try to impale your eye on a toy rifle or a hockey stick. But it must be infinitely worse for the poor clerk who, a hundred times a day tries to remind exasperated shoppers that, after all, there is a war on, and that the thingummybobs and what-you-may-call-it which they bought last year and the year before are no longer being made, so that's that!

And what a Christmas of strange contrasts it is. While countless thousands of homes the world over mourn the loss of loved ones, in other countless thousands of homes war has brought the first taste of material comfort they have enjoyed for many a long day, which explains the orgy of buying going on in the stores. As one little storekeeper remarked sadly to me the other day: "The trouble is that now I can't get the customers I want, but I can't get the goods to sell them; a little while ago I had plenty of goods and not enough customers!"

Something different in the way of an inexpensive gift to the man or woman on active service is a serial scrap book. This is made by clipping serial instalments from a magazine and pasting them into a small scrap book, so that sudden transfers to another station will not write a premature "finis" just when the most exciting chapter is "to be continued in our next."

Guns instead of butter. The recent rationing order serves again to remind us of the difference between Nazi and Canadian methods of conserving materials needed for the prosecution of the war. And those who grumble at the slight curtailment of our portion might well remember at this time of feasting that to millions of starving Russians and others in Europe the food

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Christmas and each
day in the year.

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Plan New Year Wedding



MR. J. R. MCMURPHY

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Munro, 1826 Belmont Avenue, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Elaine Mary, to John Ronald McMurphy, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McMurphy of Calgary, Alta. The wedding will take place in the New Year.



MISS ELAINE MUNRO

wasted in Canadian households and left on the plates in restaurants would look like a Lucullan feast.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Haskell, 1035 Oliver Street, Oak Bay, will have visiting with them for Christmas, their daughter, Miss Marjorie Haskell, who arrived from Vancouver this morning.

On the eve of his marriage to Miss Lora Blake, friends of Mr. Jack Clay arranged a stag dinner in his honor at the Union Club. During the evening he was presented with a handsome fitted traveling case with the good wishes of those present.

Captain Jack Hargrave, formerly of Victoria, and his little son, Master W. D. Hargrave, are over from Vancouver to visit the former's father, Mr. W. H. Hargrave, who with Mrs. Hargrave arrived recently from Carmichael, Cal., to spend the winter months at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Eden Quainton, with their sons, Anthony and Rodney, arrived Wednesday afternoon from Seattle to be the guests of Mrs. Quainton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oates, Woodlawn Crescent, for the Christmas week-end. Miss Violet C. Roche will arrive tomorrow from Seattle to be the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oates.

A gold identification bracelet, suitably inscribed with her name, rank and corps insignia, was presented to Mrs. R. Barclay-Ross, commandante of the C.A.T.S., on Tuesday afternoon. The presentation was made by Section Officer M. Foster on behalf of the officers and ranks of the corps. The Victoria detachment of the C.A.T.S. recently gained distinction when the commandante was appointed Second in Command of the National Council.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan, 115 Olive Street, are receiving the congratulations of their many friends on Christmas Day, the

occasion being the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Duncan is the eldest daughter of the late Henry George Savage, architect and building surveyor of Duncan, V.I., and sister of the present Mayor George Henry Savage. Mr. Duncan was a prominent businessman of Duncan and alderman for a number of years. They have one daughter, Mildred Elizabeth, who is a school teacher in this city.

Miss Barbara Moresby entertained Wednesday afternoon at the tea-hour at the Empress Hotel, in honor of Mrs. Dennis Perrins, the former Clemency Ord. A gift, accompanied by a corsage bouquet of Talsman roses, was presented to the guest of honor. Miss Julia Kent Jones presided at daintily arranged table. Other invited guests were Misses Macrina Boothe, Grace

and Mary Farr, Nina Grieg, Elizabeth McLagan, Agnes Proudfoot, Peggy Perrins, Betty Millins, Evelyn Munro, Sheila Graves, Aileen O'Halloran, Jessie McDowall, Pip Beckton, Margaret Sedgley and Mary Moresby.

Mr. George A. Bucklin, retired Consul-General of the United States and former U.S. Consul in Victoria, arrived today from Florida, where he has been visiting his mother, to join Mrs. Bucklin who has been the guest of their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hammond, "Romney," Romney Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Mayhew, Beach Drive.

Cpl. Louie Newnam, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), formerly of the Victoria School Board staff, who has been on leave here from the east, left today to resume her duties at Montjoli, Que.

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Comics Black Ties Worn for Luck

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello have been wearing black ties for years, but had never thought much about it until Director Erle C. Kenton mentioned the matter during production of "Who Done It?" the team's latest comedy. The Universal film, now at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres, is a howling travesty on murder mystery dramas.

"Why is it?" Kenton asked, "do you wear black ties so they won't detract the audience's attention from what you're doing and saying?"

"I guess so," said Bud. "I always knew there was some reason for it, and that's as good as any."

"Maybe we're superstitious," said Lou. "We used to wear blue ties and had bad luck. So now we wear black ties."

Newest Symbol of Screen Villainy

In the early days of movies every heavy wore a curled mustache and a sneer. But that's all gone by the board. Now the cads are carrying umbrellas, the symbol of appeasement.

In Warner Bros. "Dangerously They Live," now at the Capitol Theatre, Raymond Massey and Moroni Olsen, who play two Nazi agents against whom John Garfield pits himself, both carry umbrellas. Massey and Olsen are fine-looking gentlemen and don't possess a sneer between them, but those umbrellas are a lot more convincing in the year 1942 than any mustache.

CAPITOL THEATRE

Some sort of record was established, even for Hollywood, recently when 20th Century-Fox had three of the biggest name bands in the country working on the lot simultaneously in three different films.

Glenn Miller and his band were making "Orchestra Wives," Harry James was shooting "Springtime in the Rockies," and Sammy Kaye was swinging and swaying in "Ice Land."

Kaye's popular music starts a heat wave up North in the romantic laugh treat starring Sonja Henie and John Payne, and featuring Jack Oakie. The film

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(As Advertised)

ATLAS—"Tales of Manhattan," starring Charles Boyer.
CADET—John Garfield in "Dangerously They Live."
CAPITOL—"Ice Land," starring Sonja Henie.
DOMINION—Joe E. Brown in "Shut My Big Mouth."
OAK BAY and PLAZA—Abbott and Costello in "Who Done It?"
RIO—"Spooks Run Wild," with Bela Lugosi.
YORK—"Tortilla Flat," starring Spencer Tracy.

is currently at the Capitol Theatre.

Colorful Settings For Steinbeck Film

Brought to life on one of the most fascinating settings ever designed for a motion picture, John Steinbeck's best-seller novel, "Tortilla Flat," filmed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and starring Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr and John Garfield, opens today at the York Theatre.

Accurately recreated in the last detail, the set includes a street two blocks long, with the paisano shacks under the pines. It covered an area of three acres. The set was built over a period of six weeks, after set designers and camera crews had gathered data and materials at Monterey. One of the most unusual stories ever brought to the screen, "Tortilla Flat" deals with the happy-go-lucky life of the California paisanos who live a carefree existence on Tortilla Flat.

Berger, McCarthy Dominion Booking

Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, RKO radio film, "Here We Go Again," coming to the Dominion Theatre, in which they co-star with Fibber McGee and Molly. In this latest laughter-packed picture, Bergen and his alter ego portray an Indian squaw and a papoose respectively in one of the outstanding comedy sequences of the film.

In addition, Charlie presents a song and dance number for the first time on the screen, singing the Mort Green and Harry Revel hit, "This Delicious Delirium" with the help of a chorus of 10 beautiful girls. Allan Dwan produced and directed.

ATLAS THEATRE

Charles Laughton and Edward G. Robinson furnish many dramatic thrills in 20th Century-Fox's "Tales of Manhattan," the star-studded film now playing at the Atlas Theatre. The picture was produced by Boris Morros and S. P. Eagle and directed by Julien Duvivier.

Artists Will Play Beethoven's Sonata

When Jan and Mischel Cherniavsky played in Vancouver in November in aid of the Russian relief organization the Daily Province had this to say of the concert. In their playing of the Beethoven Sonata with which the artists began, one was provided with playing of a high order. In their solo contributions they gave further evidence of their interpretive and artistic integrity. When these artists play in Victoria Jan. 8 at the Royal Victoria Theatre in aid of Canadian Aid to Russia Fund they will play this sonata. Tickets for this concert may be obtained at the Canadian Aid to Russia headquarters at 1238 Government Street or by mail order to the theatre.

'Spooks Run Wild' Riotous Comedy

For situations that elicit screams of delighted horror from an audience, recommend "Spooks Run Wild," the Monogram mystery comedy which opened at the Rio Theatre today, with the menacing Bela Lugosi and the redoubtable "East Side Kids" in the starring roles. This qualifies as about the most uproarious picture of its type that has reached the screen in many a moon, and the audience literally rocked in

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Spreading cheer at the Home for Aged Men this Christmas again, for the seventh year in succession, will be a great little man, really imbued with everything the spirit of Christmas represents.

He is a great favorite at the Christmas and New Year parties at the home on the hill at the end of Cadboro Bay Road, for Christmas could not be properly observed without music, and it must be the music those at the party know and like.

At the Aged Men's Home Christmas party the crowd will join in old-time favorites like

"When You and I Were Young, Maggie," "Old Black Joe," "Pack Up Your Troubles in your Old Kit Bag," "Bicycle Built for Two," "Shade of the Old Apple Tree," "Man Who Broke the Bank of Monte Carlo," or "The Old Bull and Bush," with a few favorite Christmas carols scattered in the program.

A ONE-MAN SHOW

Inspiration for the singing will come from a small 3-foot-1 inch 58-year-old packet of musical energy, Frank Lavery, one man bandman of 1265 Pembroke St.

To the men of the home, Frank is what Santa Claus is to children. He knows the songs that they know. He knows how to play them the way they want to sing them. He's more than a one-man band. He's a show in himself.

There's no fussing around with music, discussion over keys and pauses between numbers.

Lavery steps to his minstrel's stand with a drum, a harmonica, cymbals, a banjo, an auto harp, and probably two pairs of bones. He snaps right into a popular old tune and his jolly audience start singing lustily from the first number.

Soon their feet are tapping the floor as they sing to well-known marches or old-time dance numbers.

Then they are calling the numbers for Lavery to play.

EVERYBODY SINGS

"How about making it a solo and chorus?" Lavery will ask as one of the oldsters calls for a popular song of the nineties.

One of the members of the party will step to the front of the dining hall and give an old time favorite, with his friends joining in the chorus.

The 58-year-old bandman will perspire with exertion as one song follows another. He may tire but he will never weaken as the singing continues without a break.

After an afternoon of it he will pack his array of instruments. The guests will give him a rousing cheer and he will go on his way after having done as great a Santa Claus act as anybody in Canada could do.

The surprising thing about this music-maker is that he had passed the half-century mark before he blossomed out as an entertainer.

He didn't have much chance to develop musical ambitions as a youngster. He was only a year old when he was an orphan in London. He was raised in an orphanage and came to Canada as a boy of 14.

It wasn't easy going then for a farm boy.

He worked hard but learned to like Canada.

After 16 years in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, he got restless for travel and went to New Zealand. He started a store and did tailoring. He had learned something about tailoring in the orphanage. He was doing pretty well, but got homesick for Canada and came back to Edmonton.

BECOMES A SOLDIER

He was there when the war broke out and tried to join up but he was too short. Later he heard about the B.C. Bantams being organized for those who were below the 5 feet 4 inch standard demanded at that time. He recruited for it in Edmonton and brought 31 men to Victoria to join up. In France he served with the 2nd C.M.R.'s as a Lewis gunner. He is soldiering again in the Veterans Infantry Reserve.

It was years later he made his musical debut.

He had an ear for music which wanted an outlet, so he tried a harmonica. He played it one

night at a Buffalo Lodge concert. He played the music a lot of for members knew, and it went over in a big way. There was a drum handy and he started beating time to his mouth organ playing. The audience gave him such a good reception he decided to develop the idea.

He bought himself a drum and cymbals and an apparatus to bring the harmonica to his mouth and leave his hands free. Then he mastered the banjo and the autoharp. Playing the bones came natural to him. All in all, he is perfectly equipped to carry the tune and beat out the rhythm as a complete band in himself. Although his music is mainly of the old-time type at kids' entertainments he is a never-ending source of wonder.

Though he may not be up to the tune of the latest song in the hit parade of the day, he's there with "White Cliffs of Dover," "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Good-bye," "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," and they go over just as well or better.

PLAYING SANTA

One of his big moments, however, was an impromptu turn. It was a lodge entertainment for youngsters and Santa failed to turn up. The lodge members were concerned, and nobody felt capable of filling the role.

They asked Lavery.

Behind the scenes he jingled the sleigh bells and played on his harmonica and drum the ever-popular "Jingle Bells."

Then he interrupted himself to dash out and tell the youngsters he could hear Santa in the distance. Dashing back again he changed into a Santa costume and, with his instruments back on the stage, alternated between present giving and musical games playing his one-man band in the costume of Santa Claus.

As he asked the little tots "What would you like for Christmas?" most of them whispered to him shyly, "I would like a one-man band set like your's, please, Santa."

That was among the finest compliments I ever had," he said.

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The old business of "Joe sent me" was worth nothing in purchasing wine and spirits. At most places being a regular customer made the shopper eligible for a small share of the stock which dealers were doling out as on a closely-rationed basis at regular prices of \$5 a bottle.

Elsewhere champagne was \$18 a bottle, brandy \$27 and liqueur whisky \$11.

Roses were around \$12 a dozen and small Christmas trees around \$5 to \$6 each.

Street hawkers carried out a brisk Christmas decoration trade with toy balloons at 16 cents each. Most greengrocers displayed "no fruit" cards although many had grapes at \$9 a pound.

There was no turkey to be purchased. Those available were bought or spoken for weeks in advance. A 10-pounder brought from the country cost \$9.

Ambulance Awards

At the last examination of the St. John Ambulance first aid class, at the Sir James Douglas School, the following were successful candidates:

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Medallion—Mesdames S. Dor-

nan, W. J. Neal, M. Vogler, Misses F. Kelsner, J. Simson, Mrs. Vincent W. Smith and W. N. Lovegrove were the examining doctors and R. Moore conducted the examination for the practical work. The classes were conducted by Dr. J. D. Stenstrom and R. T. Kipling. At the final class a vote of thanks was proposed by H. D. Patterson to Mr. Kipling for his tuition and to Mr. Holt for his assistance during the session.

GOD BLESS OUR FORCES

God bless the soldiers on the sea. They that fought to keep us free. God bless the airmen, those that fly. And help our country from the sky. God bless the soldiers on the land. They bravely fought so we may stand. God bless the force that bravely fights That we may stand and have our rights. The flag of freedom shall ever fly. Our country's honor shall never die. In time we're sure to win this war. If there's a sailor by the shore. If there's a leader, thy bravest man. And there is somebody who can plan. If there's a plane that we can use. And there's a pilot we'll not lose. —BRYLA, HODGETON. (Aged 12).

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India... Britain's Headache

Part 2.

By H. WYATT

To the question posed in our first article, whether leaving India to settle her own affairs will or will not bring her peoples independence, and will it bring them a gain or a loss of liberty, events connected with the Cripps mission will provide more material for an answer.

Chief obstacle to the attainment of self-government for India lies, as we saw, in the conflicting demands of an all-India nationalism on the one hand, and of group or sectional nationalisms on the other. What "We, the People of India Want" and what "We, the Separate Peoples of India Want" are contradictory; and, in partic-

ular, what a majority group, now mainly of Hindus, demand, and what a large majority group, mainly of Moslems, demand, are incompatible. The Cripps mission brought this conflict to a head. Its failure was the failure so far of separate Indian groups to agree, or even to agree to disagree, upon the provisional or initial government which should take over charge, were Britain to withdraw control entirely.

In this article I shall confine myself to the more outstanding features of the mission, and to the more immediate occasions of its failure.

LOGICAL GOAL

The Cripps' offer of post-war

independence of outside control for all India did not come as a bolt from the blue, but was the logical and proclaimed goal of previous successive approaches to full government already achieved. In 1917 the British Government had announced as its policy for India, "the gradual development of self-governing institutions with a view to the progressive realization of responsible government in India as an integral part of the British Empire." An act of the British Parliament in 1919 had given partial autonomy to each of the provinces of British India, but no effective power in the central, or all-India government. An act of 1935 gave effective full self-government in the 11 provinces into which India (barring the Indian states) was administratively divided, and had given partial self-government in the centre. Unfortunately, but as was natural enough in the circumstances, as the goal of the government of India by Indians grew nearer, rivalries between the separate groups grew sharper and less restrained, each intent on securing its own position against the moment when there would no longer be a higher authority to keep the balance or to safeguard the interests of minorities. Nationalisms were confronting nationalisms in a head-on conflict. Was there any means of reconciling the two?

The Cripps' offer was an attempt on the part of the British Government to provide the means, and suggest a way, for the leaders of Indian opinion to harmonize their differences, at least to the extent of agreeing on a frame of constitution, and on a method of framing that constitution, which should take over complete control after the war. It was an offer of an Indian constitution framed by Indians—of an independent, self-governed India.

The moment of the offer seemed propitious. Peoples, divided in peace, may unite under menace from without, and the period covered by the mission was that of the imminent threat of a Japanese invasion of India. Few in India welcomed the prospect of being conquered by the Japanese. The choice of the minister in charge of the mission was also favorable. Sir Stafford Cripps was a personal friend of Nehru, Congress Party leader. He had visited India in 1939, was popular in Congress circles, and came with the prestige of the leader of the House of Commons, and of a successful ambassadorship in Russia.

He brought with him to India a tentative draft declaration, the text of which should be studied in full by anyone interested in the problem of Indian independence. The British Government offered, if agreeable to Indian leaders, to declare now the setting up of an elective body to frame a new constitution for India, upon the cessation of hostilities, and to suggest one method of electing this constitution-making body, unless the leaders of Indian opinion in the principal communities agreed upon an alternative method. The British Government was to accept in advance the constitution so framed, subject, however, to the right of any province to retain its present constitutional position if so preferred, and subject to the signing of a treaty between the British Government and the constitution-making body formally securing the transfer of power, and "to make provision in accordance with the undertakings given by His Majesty's Government for the protection of racial and religious minorities."

These provisions must be carefully noted. They point directly to the British and Indian dilemma. In the circumstances of a continent of heterogeneous groups, provision had to be made for possible agreement between the groups, and for possible disagreement at the same time. If a single government for all India was alone envisaged, the minority groups would object to the inevitable predominance in that government of an unrepresentable majority group; if provision were

made to safeguard the position, or to permit the separate self-government of minority groups, the objection would be raised (and the majority group did raise it), that the British proposals were discouraging at the outset the constitution of a united India.

LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT

But in fact the British Government had no option. The dilemma was not of its own creating. The duty of protecting minorities in the case of Europe was, it will be remembered, a recognized responsibility of the League of Nations. In India protection of racial and religious minorities was a British commitment of long standing. Nor, again, could the British Government impose a new constitution satisfactory to a majority, but repugnant to a large minority group, without infringing the very principle of freedom which was the basis of its offer.

The dilemma was, in fact, not so much British as Indian. In India there are some 240,000,000 Hindus, and some 90,000,000 Moslems. Their leaders concurred in desiring independence of alien control, but to the degree that they were under British control they were the more free from communal conflict. There was the internal "Pax Britannica." Disunion waxed as that control waned. Cripps' offer of independence brought that dilemma to the point of deadlock.

The working committee of the Congress Party accordingly opposed the plan on the ground that it encouraged a disunited India. Mr. Jinnah, spokesman for an increasingly militant Moslem League, raised the opposite objection that it looked towards a single Indian union, and that it did not appear to favor a separate constitution for the predominantly Moslem areas, which (though geographically and economically separate) were to be together designated Pakistan. Within the Hindu fold again were two minority groups of Hindus, the extremist Hindu Mahasabha, on the one side, to whom the partition of Hindustan, the one and indivisible, appeared a sacrilege, and a very large group of outcast Hindus on the other, the 50,000,000 "Untouchables"—the depressed classes—strongly opposed to the Congress Party, and whose leaders were convinced that "the proposals are calculated to do the greatest harm to the depressed classes, and are sure to place them under an unmitigated system of Hindu rule."

The Congress claim to represent the people of India was thus repudiated within the Hindu fold, no less than by the Moslem adherents of the Moslem League.

Other complications of the problem—the special claims of the small but important Sikh community, the attitude of other political groups, the peculiar position and treaty rights of the Indian states—there is no space to consider here. It became apparent that the proposed declaration of the British Government of a new constitution for India by Indians after the war could not reach the point of actual declaration, because it failed of acceptance by the chief Indian parties.

Again for the British to have withdrawn from the control of India in the middle of a war, when the leaders of Indian parties could agree on no government to take over charge, and were in wide disagreement on that very subject, was equally impracticable. To do so would have weakened the Indian war effort, a blow to the cause of the United Nations, by adding the distractions of internal strife. Even Mr. Gandhi himself, the spiritual leader of India, whose prestige with the masses was immense, had more than once declared that anarchy would result. He was prepared to let the people suffer the consequences, but no modern democratic government fighting our war could run the imminent risk of letting a fifth of the world's population, so far as it remained responsible for their welfare, plunge themselves needlessly and heedlessly into the in-



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ferno of a modern intra-continental war. The tentative draft for an Indian constitution to be framed on Indian lines is accordingly in abeyance, but the assurance by the British Government of independence for India after the war remains intact.

The story of the Cripps' mission does not, however, end here. It was still possible to smooth the way to the postwar task of constitution-making by interim adaptations of the existing machinery of government which would enable the Indian leaders to contribute their utmost towards the effective conduct of the war as much as in the internal government of India. This part of the story, and the conclusions to be drawn from the Cripps episode, will form the topic of next week's article.

Tragedy on Carradice
DUBLIN (CP)—Four girls and two boys were drowned when a boat capsized on Carradice Lake, County Leitrim.

Holiday Schedule At Victoria 'Y'

Christmas Day will be observed as Sunday at the Victoria Y.M.C.A. this year and the gymnasium and pool will be closed. However, special programs have been drawn up for almost every day from Boxing Day until New Year's Eve, when the newly-laid gymnasium floor will be officially opened with a gala New Year's Eve dance.

A father and son swim at 11.30 in the morning on Boxing Day will feature Saturday's program, while on Sunday a fireside hour will be held at 9 in the evening at the Y.W.C.A. Monday at 6 the junior school and employed boys' game tournament and swim will be preceded by a supper.

At 6 Tuesday evening the intermediate school and employed boys will hold their supper and swim. At 9, Dec. 31, the New Year's Eve frolic, sponsored by

the So-Ed Committee and the Phalanx Fraternity, will be held. Dancing will go on until 2.

Annual open house will be held New Year's Day while on the following day the prep class will hold a swim and luncheon. Sunday at 2 the Hi-Y induction service will be held in the Metropolitan United Church.

Clark Gable Assigned To Movie Work

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—Clark Gable has been assigned to movie work, he revealed Wednesday when he stopped off here en route to an aerial gunnery school in Florida.

There he is to act in a film about "tallend Charles," the gunners who keep enemy fighters off the tails of U.S. bombers.

"They've got me writing the script for this movie as well as playing it," Gable said.

"But before it is over I hope I can pick up enough know-how about aerial gunnery to convince

the powers that be that I can take the course myself."

The former Hollywood star recently completed officers' candidate school in Miami and is on duty at Tyndall Field, Fla.

Irish Deer for Food

DUBLIN (CP)—It has been decided to slaughter the 800 deer roaming Phoenix Park because of a shortage of winter feed. About a dozen will be kept for future breeding purposes.



SOOTHES ITCHING and CHAFED SKIN

RESINOL

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

When legendary Kris Kringle and his reindeer make their yearly rounds tonight they could make a number of Victoria's sports leaders deliciously happy by dropping in with an appropriate Christmas package.

For Jack McCall, manager of Victoria's All-Star footballers nothing would be more cherished as a gift than the secret of how to defeat Vancouver Boeings in the first intercity match Saturday afternoon. For extra measure McCall would like the championship of the local league all done up in nice pink ribbon for his V.M.D. club.

Coach Dan Doswell, turning in his first trick at coaching Victoria's Crimson Tide in the McKechnie Cup rugby series would offer up eternal thanks to the Christmas spirit if his present was a victory over Vancouver Reps. Doswell, anxious to make good in his first try, would certainly appreciate a little help from Santa. Doswell established a fine record as a player, and is particularly anxious to make good as a coach.

P.O. Bob Dewhurst, guiding light of the Navy hockey teams in the Island League, asks nothing for himself, but would feel mighty happy if Father Christmas would enlighten his defence players on just how to close that hole in the bluejacket's rearward and make the club as strong defensively as it is on the attack.

Coach Art Somers of the V.M.D. hockey club is praying

for Santa to visit his house with a full pack. He would like to wake up Christmas morn and find his stocking crammed with a whole forward line and one defenceman. Somers has been moaning over the lack of good material, and hopes Santa will provide the solution to his headache. It's a pretty tall order for the old fellow Art.

Just send along a few of those "name" players, promised earlier in the season, in a Christmas package and P.O. Johnny Thompson of the R.C.A.F. ice team will be quite satisfied with the festive season. Flyers have done quite well with the available players, and could be real contenders in the league with a bit more bolstering.

Barney Olson, Arena president, asks Santa for just one present and he'll be happy for the next 12 months: Bigger and better hockey crowds. Santa might bring along a few sackloads of new skates to the children, and Olson would wear just that much bigger smile during the coming year.

For ourselves we want Santa to take in a lot of territory. If he will personally look after all our athletes in the many parts of the world, fighting the great battle of all, and make them just a little happier on the day of all days we will feel he had done a grand job. If the little old fellow with the big beard and rosy cheeks could lend a helping hand in bringing these same athletes stars back home to again thrill us with their exploits we would remember this Christmas as the greatest of all.

Edmonton Shows Hockey Spirit

Juniors Play Outdoors

By CHARLES EDWARDS

TORONTO (CP)—Just before the National Hockey League season opened, Bdr. Ted Reeve of the Toronto Telegram suggested the veterans should have things pretty much their own way until the rookies became accustomed to skating indoors. Ted exaggerated, but not too much.

Consider the case of Edmonton, where the indoor rink has been taken over by the Defence Department. Senior hockey went by the boards, but the juniors refused to cry quits. On Saturday night a three-team Edmonton junior league opened the season on an outdoor rink. More than 200 fans braved the cold and found a special "warming oven" built for their comfort during intermissions. The new enclosed addition to the rink is 15ft. x 50ft. contains two gas stoves, and has direct access to the outdoor bleachers.

PAYS COWLEY CREDIT

Elmer (Montreal Herald) Ferguson: "Bill Cowley of Boston Bruins is the smoothest playmaker in hockey, the finest craftsman of modern times. He is in the business of creating scoring opportunities for his line mates, even scoring, occasionally, a goal or two himself. He hasn't the speed of Sylvanus Apps, the Leafs' one-man tornado, but he's a better playmaker. He hasn't the spectacular qualities of Morenz. Rather, he's a combination of these two, plus a dash of Nighbor." Ferguson says Cowley, Dit Clapper and Frankie Brimsek are holding up the Bruins.

"three great players, a few others just average, all imbued with Art Ross' fighting spirit, many of them revived by the alchemy of this master-leader, the oldest pilot in the league in point of service."

It seems this column confused two Jack McGills who formerly played in the N.H.L. The P.O. Jack McGill slated to coach the Halifax R.C.A.F. hockey team hit the majors eight years ago with Montreal Canadiens. The McGill who played with Boston Bruins last season, is a private in the army at Ottawa. . . . Scoring statistics for a certain senior hockey league in eastern Canada did not appear this week as usual. Investigation revealed the statistics compiler is employed by the waterworks department in his city, and had been working day and night thawing out frozen pipes. Guess who, and where, and how cold it was!

PICARD WILL RETIRE

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Henry G. Picard, winner of 40 major gold tournaments since he began his career as a caddy in 1924, said Wednesday he will retire as a professional Feb. 1.

Defence Worries N.H.L. Tailenders

Canadiens Strengthen

Diagnosing the woes of the National Hockey League weak sisters is no trick at all this season, even if you missed a few of those first aid classes.

Ask Lester Patrick of New York Rangers and Dick Irvin of Montreal Canadiens why their clubs trail the field and they'll answer in unison—lack of defence strength.

There are no Earl Selberts, no Jack Stewarts and no Jack Stewarts with the tail-end clubs. Montreal's lead has been born largely by Jack Portland. Rangers have been relying chiefly on Ott Heller and Alf Pike, a converted forward.

Dozen Beer Prized Award to British Foot Race Winner

LONDON (CP)—The starter fired a blank from a service rifle and Brian McCabe, British Olympic runner, sped to an easy victory over 220 yards of hot sand somewhere in the Middle East. It was mighty hot as he lined up for his prize and then—thirst was allayed because the awards was two dozen bottles of cold beer. McCabe, only Briton to reach the 800-metre finals at the Berlin Olympic Games, wrote home about the incident and joked that he is considering submitting a proposal to the ruling body of track and field that similar prizes be permitted in this country. He now is a major in command of a tank unit.

General Montgomery, leader of the 8th Army, regards himself as "masocot" of the Portsmouth big-league football club so it was only natural that the club should send a message of congratulations when the general's warriors routed the enemy in the desert. The general took time out to reply, saying that he "greatly appreciated" the telegram.

"The general regards himself as the club's mascot," said Jack Tinn, Portsmouth manager. "He watched many of the games during the 1937-38 season and never once saw the club lose."

Montgomery became a football fan when he was garrison commander at Portsmouth a few years ago. A football league match cost coal-owners \$450. Leicester City and Notts Forest, at request of the Leicestershire Coal-owners' Association, played their game at Coalville to provide an attraction for the miners who were holidaying that Saturday. The association guaranteed the clubs against loss.

A capacity crowd of 6,000 was expected but more than 2,000 turned up.

George de Relwyskow, 55, winner of many wrestling championships, died at Leeds. Holder of four British titles, he won the lightweight catch-as-catch-can championship for Britain at the 1908 Olympic Games in London. Well-known jockeys Harry Beasley and G. Owen have retired from the saddle. Beasley, member of a famed Irish racing family, has taken out a trainer's license. Owen was an outstanding steeplechaser.

Ford Frick in Favor of April 13 Ball Opening

NEW YORK (AP)—Ford Frick, president of the National League said Wednesday he did not think it would be necessary to postpone the opening of the 1943 baseball season, set for April 13.

A later opening date, possibly May 1, had been suggested in some quarters to give teams time to do their spring training on their home grounds. "Of course," said Frick, "there is no telling what new developments may come up within the next few weeks. But right now I don't think there will be any need for postponing the opening no matter how limited or restricted the training season."



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BOBBY ORR

Hockey, soccer and rugby matches scheduled tomorrow and Boxing Day will see the above athletes play prominent parts. Verity and Sawchuk are members of the R.C.A.F. and Army hockey teams, respectively, opponents in the Island League game at the Willows Arena Christmas afternoon at 2:30. Jenkinson will hold down the left fullback berth for Vancouver Boeings against the Victoria All-Stars in the intercity soccer match at Athletic Park Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Orr will be at five-eighths for Vancouver Reps against the Victoria Crimson Tide in the McKechnie Cup rugby at Macdonald Park Saturday afternoon, starting at 2:30.

War Jars Sport Attendance

No Lack of Interest

NEW YORK (AP)—Of the widespread effects war has produced on sports in the United States, the decline in attendance was the most obvious, a poll of the country's writers by the Associated Press showed Wednesday.

Almost everyone of the 90 scribes who cast ballots mentioned the "how to" attendance as one of the major problems of the year of war has left on competitive athletics—but the experts were at odds on how to interpret this fact.

In general they agreed that it was not a lack of interest in sports which has reduced the size of crowds for most events and forced the abandonment of some. Rather it was the difficulty of travel and the enrollment of a great multitude of customary patrons in the armed services and in vital war work.

Several writers pointed out that the millions of men now in the army and navy are the same men who used to jam the ball parks, the race tracks, the football stadia and the basketball arenas. Others who used to have leisure time in which to watch these spectacles now are tied to their jobs for long hours. Because these men can't get to games and meet now, many of the women and children who formerly accompanied them also no longer turn out.

STILL INTERESTED

Yet, the writers concluded, these men, women and children still are interested in sports, even in absentia, and the American soldiers and sailors, stationed in camps at home and in bases throughout the world have expressed their continuing enthusiasm for all sports.

One trend noticed by some of the observers was a switch from spectator sports to participation sports and mass athletics of one kind or another, although golf was noted as an exception because of the difficulty in getting

Hockey, Rugby, Soccer and Christmas Swim Scheduled

Art Chapman Stars As Army Halts Surging Sailors

Navy cagers threatened comeback fizzle a little at the Sports Centre Wednesday night, Army dampening their hopes by knocking them over 34 to 25. Last week the sailors dumped the league-leading R.C.A.F. squad and were favorites to show Army the way home.

However, the soldiers displayed greater shooting accuracy and more drive. At the end of the first quarter they led by only 9 to 8, but in the ensuing three cantos drew steadily away.

Cog in the Army attack was Art Chapman, who scored 16 points. Art was sending in his one-hand flips from the corners and potted a goodly number from the bucket also. Army turned out with only five men and had to go the whole distance without a substitution. Doug Peden worked like a riveter all night and managed to pot seven points as well as throw in a lot of set-ups. Gordon Hartley had one of his best nights of the season, dropping in eight points.

Navy tried hard enough but their shooting just couldn't measure up to the Army average. Buchanan, lanky scoring threat, had three personal calls on him in the first quarter and was forced to play an ineffective game for the rest of the night.

Kennedy was their high man with nine points while Murphy scored seven.

V.M.D. senior B cagemen had little trouble in disposing of Reds 31 to 16 in the opener. After establishing a halftime 12 to 8 lead they ran away. The game marked the return of Len Passmore, who scored 11 points for the losers.

Commercial Hockey For Kimberley Fans

KIMBERLEY, B.C. (CP)—Hockey fans here are looking forward to the opening of the three-team Commercial League from which will be chosen an all-star team to represent Kimberley in the Allan Cup playdowns.

Players have been assigned to the three teams and there are enough former Dynamiters on each squad to insure plenty of action. Sully Sullivan will coach McDougall Rockets, John Achenzer will pilot the Canucks and Ralph Redding will handle Chapman Camp Bombers.

Games will be played each Wednesday and Sunday and it is hoped to inaugurate the schedule as soon as cold weather allows. The tentative team line-ups are: Rockets—Nash, Robertson, Kemp, Sullivan, McDonald, Calles, Gold, Leith, Hanson and Smith. Canucks—Sweeney, Bell, Dick.

In March, 1942, was transferred to Camp Lee from Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, N.Y. Conn said he weighed 198 pounds as compared to the 174 he weighed when he battled Louis for the championship in June, 1941.

CAMP LEE, Va. (AP)—Cpl. Billy Conn, the Pittsburgh Irishman, was made boxing instructor at Camp Lee Wednesday, and the "golden boy" of heavyweight boxing immediately began mapping plans to pair his new recruits with the Fort Riley, Kas., team instructed by Sgt. Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion.

"And if we get the match, I'd like to meet Louis in the heavyweight match, on any conditions," Conn declared. "I'm more convinced than ever that I can beat Louis."

Conn, who entered the army

Two Intercity Engagements Highlight

Hockey, soccer, rugby and the annual Christmas swim will provide the menu for Victoria's sports followers over the holiday week-end. With the soccer and rugby being the first intercity competitions of the season they are certain to provide their respective followers with entertainment of the highest calibre.

Those swimming enthusiasts who brave the cold waters of the inner harbor every Yuletide will put on their exhibition again at 11 Christmas morning. It will be a 50-yard handicap event open to any member of a recognized club. To the winner will go the Capt. Harbord trophy. It is expected close to a dozen swimmers will take the plunge. The start will be from an anchored float and the finish at the landing in front of the Parliament Buildings.

Christmas afternoon at 2:30 the Island Hockey League will stage its contribution to the holiday program with a game between the first-place Army and the R.C.A.F. Flyers. Seriously challenged by the Navy for top position the Army will be all out to extend their slender one-point margin. The Flyers will be out to redeem themselves for that 15 to 3 defeat suffered at the hands of the Navy on their last appearance. The Flyers are badly in need of a win and have been working hard at recent practices in preparation for the Christmas engagement.

SOCCEK MATCH

Reporting all his players in tip-top condition Manager Jock McColl is confident of giving Victoria fans a victory over Vancouver Boeings in the intercity soccer fixture at Athletic Park Saturday afternoon, starting at 2:30.

McColl has a powerful eleven, both offensively and defensively and claims he has no doubts about the ultimate result. Boeings have a splendid record in the Coast League and can be counted on to put up the stiffest kind of opposition.

Opening defence of the coveted McKechnie Cup, Victoria's Crimson Tide will go all out against Vancouver Reps in the intercity rugby game at Macdonald Park Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Selected from members of the service teams in the local league the Tide will present a formidable aggregation against the mainlanders. Vancouver team established itself as strong contenders for the provincial crown by smothering Varsity Thunderbirds in the opening game of the season on the mainland. Both fifteens will pack plenty of weight and speed so the rugged fans should look at a real clever exhibition especially if a fast pitch is the order of the day.

Jack Cavanaugh, Turley, Sanderson, Redisky, Rayson, Langer, Armstrong, Livingstone, Reid and Achenzer.

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Detroit	8	5	3	65	21
Chicago	8	7	3	68	20
Canadiens	9	12	3	58	17
Rangers	4	13	2	58	10

ISLAND LEAGUE					
	W	L	D	Goals	Pts.
Army	7	3	0	73	14
Navy	6	3	1	65	13
V.M.D.	4	6	1	49	9
Nanaimo	3	6	2	38	8
R.C.A.F.	3	8	1	59	7

Mixed Foursomes at Uplands Club Sunday

Sunday at the Uplands Golf Club a two-ball mixed foursomes competition will be held with the proceeds to be turned over to war charities. The event will be medal play with half the combined handicaps allowed.

Draw and starting times follow:

- 10:30—Mrs. W. S. Smith and Mrs. C. Pearce vs. G. Gallagher and W. S. Smith.
- 10:35—Mrs. Wm. Erickson and Mrs. J. Riddell vs. R. B. Matthews and Hugh McKenzie.
- 10:40—Mrs. S. D. Horsford and Mrs. B. H. Anderson vs. R. A. Phillips and Roy Strain.
- 10:45—Mrs. A. Herbert and Mrs. L. Waller vs. Alfred Phillips and H. S. Hurn.
- 10:50—Mrs. E. Jackson and Mrs. D. Fletcher vs. T. G. Harris and Wm. Allen.
- 10:55—Mrs. C. Brown and Miss B. Ellis vs. F. H. Francis and Fred Smith.
- 11:00—Mrs. E. Livingstone and Mrs. W. Firth vs. B. H. Anderson and P. P. Ellis.
- 11:05—Mrs. J. Hibberson and Mrs. G. F. Hope vs. C. S. Brown and G. Pattinson.
- 11:10—Miss M. F. Press and Miss Another vs. A. R. McMillan and Vic Lea.

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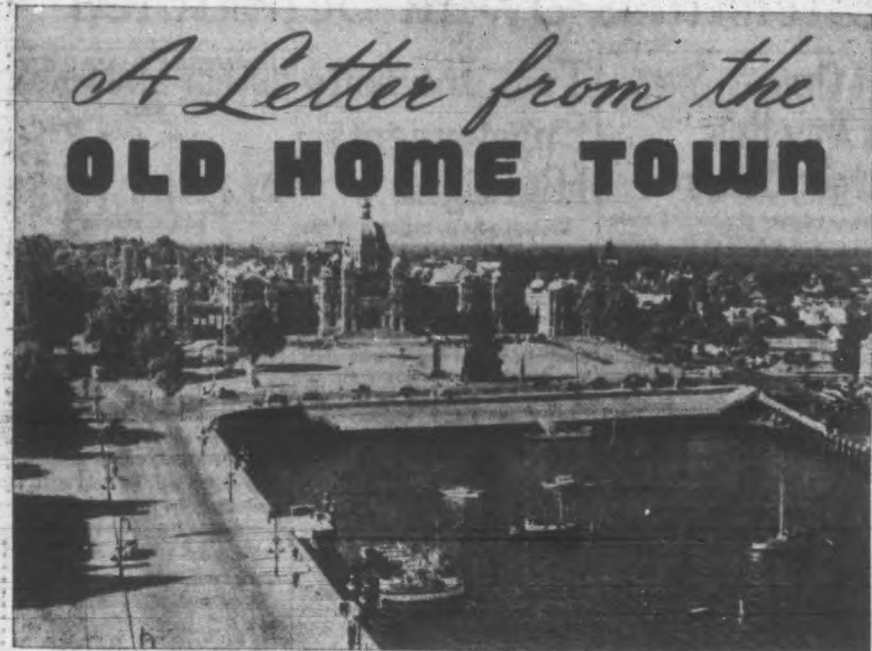
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A Letter from the OLD HOME TOWN

DEAR

Christmas week came to Victoria with no colored lights decorating the Empress Hotel or the big tree on Parliament Square, with few Christmas trees in evidence, no colored lights in front of homes and few inside, and with butter rationing—half a pound a week a person pretty well knocking out prospects for hard sauce to go along with the plum pudding. . . . Liquor stores are doing a greater business than ever. Under the bottle-a-day rule and with rumors of short supplies and higher prices in the offing, a rush has started to stock up cellars as a hedge against the coming drought. At the rate liquor is going out of the stores, indications are for the merriest Christmas in recent history. . . . General shops are crowded as never before with buyers. Merchants can sell anything they have but almost hate to do it as they can't replace most of their stocks and the more they sell now means a greater part of their takings go for taxes.

FIVE HUNDRED will be at the Empress Hotel Christmas dinner party, only half the number of last year because of the difficulty in obtaining help. . . . Future looks dark for thirsty souls who have been in the habit of going to the Esquimalt beer parlors. Famed Bucket of Blood, End House, is already out of business, having been taken over for the navy chaplains. After New Year's, the capacious Coach and Horses will be closed out to be made into a home for demure Wrens. . . . Esquimalt councillors are urging fewer beer parlors for Esquimalt, because with everybody having money and thrifter than ever, the traffic crush has become intolerable. Transportation facilities are overloaded carrying for war workers and service personnel. . . . Beer drinking resorts in the city are crowded from 11 a.m. opening hour and cocktail clubs are doing a roaring business, having trouble counting all the money that overflows the till at each day's end. . . . Most gasoline stations are remaining closed from Christmas eve until Monday morning, Dec. 28; so Christmas will be limited.

ABOUT the Christmas weather, the censor won't let us tell. But the papers are printing stories of nasturtiums a bloom in our gardens, which some folks interpret as meaning that spring is six weeks in advance. . . . Dorothy Irvine found the first full bloom in the garden of her grandmother, Mrs. F. Irvine, Arrow Road, Cedar Hill. In every part of town daffodils and tulips are pushing through the earth. . . . Retiring from the Oak Bay School Board, Lieut. Hew Paterson was presented by Chairman C. H. Rutherford and members with a service pen and pencil set. Lieut. Paterson had been on the board seven years, before that 16 years on the council. . . . There should be no lonely troops, male or female, in Victoria Christmas Day. Home Hospitality Committee under Ellen Hart and Mrs. T. B. Inglis have been listing everybody who wanted a sailor, soldier, airman, Cwac or airgirl for Christmas. . . . Holdings of butter more than one pound per person in a house must be surrendered for the excess. . . . Sailor William Stadnyk took a swing at Constable Bob Davidson, hitting him on the jaw, during a downtown scuffle. Stadnyk was fined \$25. . . . Second Lieut. Alex Caddell was taken to military hospital when his motorcycle collided with a parked car on Quadra Street. He is out of danger. . . . Members of the C. R. Rowlee Boys' Band had a Christmas party staged by President

George MacDonald and others sponsoring the band, including Dorothy Symonds, Frank Doherty, Ald. Percy George and F. Taylor. . . . Joshua Smith has been elected president of Ward One Liberal Association.

CHILDREN OF MEN in the Canadian Scottish Regiment and the 27th Anti-Aircraft Battery overseas were tendered a Christmas party by the Women's Auxiliaries. Brig. Sutherland Brown was Santa Claus. Archie McKinnon and J. Taylor were clowns. Col. H. M. Urquhart made the speech. Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. R. Kingham, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Brooke Stephenson, Mrs. S. MacDonald, Miss E. Urquhart, Capt. Ian Simpson and Capt. G. N. Douglas were all there. . . . Lieut. Bruce Bracken, one of the four sons of new national Conservative leader, John Bracken, lives at 2511 Cavendish Ave. with his wife and four-month-old son. He is in the navy. . . . Christmas party for children of the Orphan's Home was given by Lieut. Gov. Woodward, with his daughter, Mrs. Glen McDonald acting as hostess in his absence. There was a theatre party at the Capitol and a Christmas cake afterwards and all the trimmings at the Orphanage. . . . Bolled shirts and floor-length evening dresses will make their last year appearances at Christmas and New Year's parties. Prices Board is ruling them out for 1943. . . . To relieve the fuel shortage, Prices Board is trying to make more men available for the coal mining and logging industries in B.C. . . . Following the Boston and St. John's dance hall disasters, Oak Bay is tightening up on fire regulations as affecting buildings in which crowds gather.

YEGGS with nitroglycerin blew the safe of a large grocery store on Fort Street near Douglas, escaped with \$430, Bill Sylvester at the back door of his U-Drive saw three men coming out of the rear of the grocery shop. He gave chase until one man swung at his head with a crowbar. . . . Attempt to blow the safe of a Menzies Street store failed when the crackers died after putting in nitro and attaching the fuse. . . . A masked man entered the Five Points Confectionery, ordered Sid Foster to put his hands up. Foster fled and was in turn hit by a blunt object. The man who escaped was described as age 18, 5 feet 8, about 160 pounds, tallying with the description given by Margaret Simpson of the man who attempted to rob her Burnside Confectionery the night before. . . . Pre-Christmas celebrating brought 15 persons before Magistrate Hall in one Police Court session charged with being drunk. . . . John Neill, obeying the patriotic urge, thought to show appreciation of the navy by inviting a lonely sailor to his room in the Fairfield Hotel for a few drinks. When he came to, the sailor had gone and Neill's \$70. Neill went to the police, complained he had been doped.

SGT. PILOT T. A. JOHNSON, who went overseas last year and has been in Africa since May, on the Gold Coast and Nigeria, has been killed in action. His father is a veteran of the Great War. His mother was service on the Gold Coast. . . . L.O.D.E. Members of the chapter at their meeting stood in silence as a tribute and gesture of sympathy to Mrs. Johnson. . . . Eagles gave a Christmas party for 700 children. Santa Claus and Thomas distributed presents. . . . Rationing in Britain has now put an end to comforts parcels service of soap, razor blades, biscuits and sardines, inaugurated by Agent-General W. A. McAdam for troops in the British Isles and other

areas. . . . Full Royal Air Force honors were paid at Royal Oak cemetery at the burial of Sgt. Norman Arthur Albert Bastick and Sgt. Kenneth John Bowler, killed in service plane crash near Salt Spring Island. . . . L. A. Hodgins has been elected president of the National Union of Machinists, Fitters and Helpers local, which now has a membership of 500. . . . Motor licences in B.C. are down to 99,694, against 103,578 a year ago; motorcycle licences up up from 2,378 to 3,071.

ACTING REEVE E. C. Warren of Saanich was elected reeve over L. H. Passmore, W. H. Robertson, John Watson and F. J. Speed. Councillors returned are: Thomas F. Alexander, G. A. Rudd, J. L. Hobbs and J. C. Hagan. . . . In Esquimalt, L. P. A. Christensen, D. A. MacLeod and J. A. Ellis were elected to the council. . . . In Oak Bay, there was an upset in the school board, with Mrs. Margaret Beckwith, P.T.A. leader, heading the poll. Sidney L. Hole was also elected. . . . Christ Church Cathedral was crowded Sunday afternoon for the Christmas "Messiah" recital, with Muriel Jarvis, Mrs. Norah Jones Jeffery, Bandman McGeachie and David Oldham as soloists. . . . More than 900 first aid workers have now been specially trained for A.R.P. work by St. John Ambulance in Victoria. Since Jan. 1 last, 163 first aid and home nursing classes have been organized in Greater Victoria, with total attendance of 3,145. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McQuarrie celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have five children, 18 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. . . . Y.W.C.A. committee under Mrs. B. S. Heisterman gave a Christmas dinner to 84 elderly and lonely women. Frank Humphrey was master of ceremonies. . . . Charlotte Crawford and G. H. Peaker led carol singing. . . . Elizabethan Carol Singers under Major Bullock-Webster sang around a lighted Christmas tree at the annual Christmas tea at the Empress. . . .

LEN SIMMONS, ex-B.C. police quartermaster, sentenced to four years after being found guilty by a jury in the police boots graft case is out on \$6,000 bail. P. J. Sinnott, who defended Simmons, is now suing him and his wife for \$3,060.50 for legal defence fees. . . . R. B. Errett and R. Turner are room-mates. After a visit from a 2 a.m. prowler they reported to the police a \$30 cheque

TO UNCOVER rooming accommodation for war workers, service men and their families still crowding into Victoria, Wom-

A Line on the Troops... By Low



Jeep is a word which will probably be included in the new postwar Oxford dictionary. The impact of the tough, impertinent little vehicle upon the English countryside has been tremendous. At the end of a long day in Canadian Army camps in England, Cartoonist David Low proudly boasted to his family that he'd ridden in a jeep. "You didn't," his wife and daughters shouted with envy. In the sketch above, Low gives his impression of an army "bounce buggy" zipping through a country lane.

and a wallet with \$20 were missing. . . . Victoria College's Christmas dance at the Empress grill room was attended by 300. President David Wilson and members of his Students' Council committee entertained faculty members who attended. . . . A gas mask for Christmas. That is the suggestion of Insp. A. H. Bishop, A.R.P. controller, to persons wanting to know what to give as a present. A.R.P. is selling them for \$1.25 each. . . . Lost production in the Island and coastal area this year to Dec. 1 has dropped to 2,400 million feet, against 2,900 same period last year. . . . Norman Loudon, former radio editor of the Times, who has been instructing at Dauphin, Man., and is now in Victoria on leave, has received word of his promotion from pilot officer to flying officer. . . . Soldier William Appleby and Sailor Henry Norman Baker were fined \$25 each for driving around town erratically and on the wrong side of the streets in the early morning hours. . . . Dr. Thomas Mercer was fined \$20 for dimout speeding. . . . Attorney-General Maitland has raised pay of jurors and court witnesses \$1 a day to \$4. . . . A. L. Schlosser helped himself to a nice windbreaker from the store of O. H. Dorman. Magistrate Hall sent Schlosser to jail for three months, and gave him an extra month when it was found he had an unemployment insurance book to which he was not entitled.

LT.-COL. Macgregor Mackintosh, former M.L.A. for Islands, and now retired from the army, has joined the Great West Life as sales manager for Victoria and the Gulf Islands. . . . Because of a shortage of qualified men, City Hall is rehiring some retired on superannuation. Already 11 outside staff, six inside workers, including three department heads, have been treated in this rehiring way. . . . Mayor L. Bullock Webster, B.C. Community Drama director, has returned from attending a National Theatre Conference in New York. There he saw the Lunts in "The Pirate," Max Reinhardt's version of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" and Maxwell Anderson's "The Eve of St. Mark." The latter originally written for the non-commercial theatre is to be made available for amateur groups in B.C., said the mayor. . . . Mrs. Gordon S. Johns, shipyard worker, cracked a bottle of wine across the bow of H.M.C.S. Swans at its launching as the latest frigate in Canada's navy.

SGT. PILOT Jim Asseltine, R.C.A.F., has arrived home after his crack-up in England, March 29. Surgeons saved his life by pumping six pints of blood into him, he said, after he had been dragged out of his wrecked bomber just before it burst into flames and exploded. . . . Jim told of flying with Lou Moriarty, now captain of a Lancaster, on big jobs over Italy and Germany. . . . Cut in provincial motor licence fee to \$10 will be proposed by some independent members of the Legislature as warranted by restricted mileage due to gasoline rationing. . . . Yarrow's employees subscribed \$100 to the Aid to Russia Fund. Victoria Police Mutual Benefit Association also sent \$100. . . . Large female cougar was bagged on Sooke Highway near Kangaroo Road by Game Warden J. W. Jones, following reports of killing 20 sheep. . . . War-Jones' dog, Prince, caught up with the cougar previously and was severely mauled. . . . Despite curtailment of building 355 new water connections have been made so far this year against 383 for all of 1941.

MRS. JOSEPHINE E. WARK who, with her chalet, made Sproat Lake famed as a tourist resort, and before that operated Strathcona Lodge at Shawnigan Lake, died at the age of 76 in the Jubilee Hospital. . . . John Watts of Sidney has been promoted to squadron leader, R.C.A.F., at No. 3 Training Command headquarters. . . . Sydney Charles Ruck, 78, for years manager of the Consolidated Whaling Co., which built the whaling industry on this coast, died at his Cambridge St. home. . . . With his latest shipment of 100,000, Harry Maynard has now sent a total of 250,000 cigarettes to be distributed by the Overseas Tobacco Fund to Canadian troops. . . . A. J. Dallan, 78, for years accountant of the Marine and Fisheries Department here and a horseman, cyclist, canoeist and J.E.A.A. leader, died at St. Joseph's Hospital. Recently he has been living at Deep Cove. . . . Lieut.-Col. Joan Kennedy, head of the Cwacs, has arrived in Victoria on an inspection tour. . . . Sgt. J. D. B. "Sandy" Hunter has arrived in England as an air gunner in the R.C.A.F. . . . Officers wearing white aprons waited on the Cwacs at their Christmas dinner at Macaulay Barracks. The meal was cooked by No. 11

en's Regional Advisory Committee of the Prices Board is making a survey of unoccupied space in private residences. . . . Masked bandit sought to holdup the Burnside Grocery. He tried to open the cash drawer which jammed, then hit Miss Simpson twice over the head as she phoned for the police. Her screams scared him off and she was taken to hospital. . . . Two masked youths held up J. D. Davis's grocery store, 3851 Douglas Street and escaped with \$4. . . . Latest R.C.A.F. recruits include A. Beattie, A. Ireland, K. C. Beatty, R. T. Mair, J. W. Mason, R. F. Smith, R. F. Campbell and W. J. Evans all of Victoria; C. A. Russell of Chemainus, D. T. Edwards and A. E. P. Nunn of Cumberland and F. Foster, Nanaimo. . . . Endorsing Victoria's move to secure 20 one-man street cars turned down in Vancouver, one of the Victoria shipyards informed the city council that it plans to increase its 2,300 personnel by 400 or 500 in the near future.

BEFORE three crowded houses Reg. Hincks staged "Cinderella," Christmas pantomime, in aid of the Queen Alexandra Solarium. Betty Hetherington was the Fairy Queen. . . . Sgt. Paul Michelin was in charge of the service chorus. . . . Royal Jubilee Hospital directors have decided to study group hospital plans with a view to inaugurating them in Victoria. . . . Hospital has been filled to capacity with 640 admissions last month, a new record. . . . Mrs. Donald Campbell has arranged a loan collection of paintings in the Art Gallery at Spencer's with works assembled from the residences of Victorians. . . . Over 125 guests called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Charlton on their golden wedding anniversary. . . . Agatha McGivern, A. K. Pollybank, L. Krulick, U. Tremewen-Ralph, G. L. Thompson, J. M. Grant and A. E. Banks are among the Victoria girls to arrive in England with the latest party of Cwacs. . . . Channel Islanders of Victoria under President E. N. Tietouf raised \$852 which they have sent to London to refugees. . . . Sales in beer parlors have been limited by the rule prohibiting sale of bottled beer for consumption off the premises after 6:30 p.m. nightly.

A HERON fluttering on Belleville Street was picked up by Constable Alec Briggs. S.P.C.A. officials found it unable to fly because of oil-soaked feathers, which they cleaned. Then the bird flew off. . . . Claude William Gardner, 72, died at his Faithful St. residence. . . . Fred Freethy is spending seven days in jail for driving his car into a parked auto on Queens Ave., and carrying it 30 feet. . . . Policeman Brooke Douglas swore Freethy had been celebrating Christmas too well. . . . Thomas Elliott was taken to hospital after being struck by an automobile driven by George F. Rawlings. . . . Burglars entered F. Richardson's shop, stole 11 watches, four pipes, two wallets, two cigarette lighters and a rack of poker chips. . . . Also entered and ransacked with two windows broken was the Empress Hotel laundry. . . . Soldier Alf Ducharme pleaded guilty to taking Stanley Fletcher's automobile and was remanded for hearing. Also remanded was another soldier, Alar Tawpelin, for automobile appropriating. . . . Six hundred children of V.M.D. employees were guests at a Christmas party at the Capitol to see Sonja Henie in "Ice Land." W. R. Bird was master of ceremonies, chief accountant D. B. Anderson arranged matters, and President Carl Blatchford, Secretary Norman Booth and committeeman Roy Simmons of the Social and Athletic Club distributed fruit and candy. A Christmas letter from Mrs. C. J. V. Spratt was read.

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vocational Training School under Capt. R. S. Swan-Dixon and Lieut. H. H. Massy.

BACK from more than two years in England as an administrator officer in Canadian Training School and wearing the efficiency decoration for 20 years' meritorious service, is Major Stuart Robertson, E.D., Canadian Scottish Regiment. After Christmas leave with his family he will report for duty in Canada. . . . Wallace Robertson said he did not know the speed limit in Victoria, when charged with driving 70 miles an hour along Douglas St. at 2 a.m. He went so fast Constable Davidson in his prowler car couldn't catch up to him. Magistrate fined him \$35 and took his driver's licence away for two months. . . . Salary adjustments ranging from \$60 to \$300 a year for certain lower-paid civil servants have been approved by the provincial government. . . . Provincial Secretary George S. Pearson said "There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction over civil service salaries." . . . Dreaming of a wet as well as a merry Christmas someone broke into a car at the Victoria freight yards and carried off two cases of rye whisky valued at \$112.80.

ONLY 240 PEOPLE in Victoria have bothered so far to buy gas masks. Ten of the purchases have been for Christmas presents, one man buying eight to put on his Christmas tree. . . . Under Chairman E. G. Rowbottom and Toastmaster H. B. H. Ward, 90 attended the 17th annual Y.M.C.A. Christmas dinner. Fifteen servicemen were guests. . . . Kinmen's Milk Fund bottle with \$2 in pennies was stolen from Florence's Bakery. . . . Dealers report plenty of turkeys in Victoria this Christmas, but no surplus. Also, plenty of cranberries, but few nuts. . . . C. W. Steele, command dental officer at Western Air Command, has been promoted to lieutenant-colonel. . . . Navy hockeyists beat R.C.A.F. at the Arena 15-3, and two night later beat the V.M.D. 8-3. . . . A. E. Royce and G. E. Wilson have been graduated as wireless air gunners from No. 7 school at Paulson, Man. . . . P.O. Edward S. Corbett of Pender Island has been killed in an air accident off Halifax. He joined the R.C.A.F. in October, 1940.

JOHN L. CLAY and Laura Blake were married at a quiet ceremony at his Linden Ave. home. . . . At St. Stephen's, North Saanich, Elsie Elizabeth (Dolly) Goodman, niece of the late E. B. Anderson became the bride of Francis Otty Woolston, former Victoria boy, now electrical engineer of Commonwealth Edison in Chicago. . . . At a smart naval ceremony at St. Mary's, Vera Kennedy-Smith and Lieut. George Stephen Covernton were married. . . . Joan (Cudemore) Fellowes, who grew up in Victoria and is grand-daughter of Mrs. C. C. Cator, Rockland Ave., became a bride at one of England's most brilliant war-time weddings. It took place at the little Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Monken, Hadley, Eng. The bridegroom is Capt. Geoffrey Homer of the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Major the Hon. Carol Fellowes of Home Farm, Wrotham Park, Barnet, gave his adopted daughter away. . . . The High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs. Vincent Massey were there along with representatives of many of the oldest and most aristocratic county families of England. Capt. Allan Fraser, R.C.A.M.C., of Victoria, was best man. Victorians present included Mrs. John Hope, Mrs. Humble-Birkett, Miss J. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Henderson, Miss Montizambert and Sub-Lieut. Jack Grogan. . . . Among other couples now honeymooning are Margaret Evelyn Smith and Pte Ronald Parking, R.C.A., M.C.; Jean Dilworth and LAC Harold Ralph Harding, R.A.F.; Marjorie Isabel Tinker and Bdr. H. Edward Coton, R.C.A.; Ruth C. Wilkinson, R.N., and Pte. John C. McCubbin; Mildred Evelyn Harris and Pte. W. H. Pugh; Florence McLaren and Charles Foster, R.C.N.V.R.; Peggy Sedgman and Harry M. Evans; Ruth Marian Mullens and Sgt. Edward Hamer, R.C.A.; Phyllis May Weismiller and Milton Sills Johnson; Hilary Desree Bastin and Dudley Robert Fos-

ket; Georgina Florence Watling and Wilfred Daughlin Price, R.C.N.R.; Grace Elizabeth Hawley and Edward F. Gould; Nellie Patricia Dicks and Spr. Charles William Ward; Mariana Regin and Leslie Ross. . . . ENGAGED are Eljeen Alison Walker and John Morris Fenley, Beth Sharcott and Stoker P.O. George A. Attwood, Ruby Jean McLuhan and LAC Robert P. Macmillan, Wilhelmina Faith Sinclair and P.O. Robert John Schofield, Norma Marie Schroeder and Lieut. Alan Cameron, Winnifred Jane Jones and L.S. Arthur Albert Berry, R.C.N.V.R., AWI Kathleen Barton, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), and LAC Albert John Smith, Eileen Annie Ellis and Walter Vernon Hooper, R.C.A.F., Moncton, N.B., Yvonne Marguerite Squire and 2nd Lieut. Colin Peter Rutherford. . . . Until next week and with the best of luck. (Sign)

Rodney Bean Dies BALTIMORE (AP)—Rodney Bean, 56, a member of the New York Times staff for 30 years and widely known as a political and financial writer, died Wednesday of pneumonia. He was a member of the Times' Washington bureau from 1917 until his retirement in 1939, because of ill-health.

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TOWN TOPICS

Knights Templar, Western Gate Preceptory No. 30, will hold an observance service Christmas morning at 10.30 in the Masonic Temple.

Christmas Day there will be no delivery by rural mail couriers, but letter-carrier deliveries will be as usual. On New Year's Day letter carrier and rural mail deliveries will be suspended.

Mary H. Rathom, widely-known coast poet, is in Royal Jubilee Hospital, where Christmas greetings were being sent today by her admirers, and old-time friends. In honor of the occasion, she has produced a new poem of peace and good will entitled "The Song the Angels Sang."

At Saturday intercity soccer and rugby matches programs will be available and the fans are asked to give donations for the purchasing of fruit for inmates of the wards of the two city hospitals, the Solarium, Protestant Orphanage and Aged Men's Home. The programs have been published by Joe North and he will have the collection boxes at both parks.

A motorist on Monday night gave a lift to a young man. This lift proved to be of so much help that the father, N. Tate, 257 Cook Street, publicly expressed his thanks to the unknown benefactor, adding "Especially in these days of rush and gas rationing, he was certainly a friend in need as well as in deed."

"The Remnants," World War veterans employed at David Spencer Ltd., held a Christmas service on the main floor of the store at 8.30 Monday morning. The program included Christmas carols, a cornet solo by Alf Stafford, and an address by Capt. C. Thomson, chaplain of the 5th B.C. Coast Regiment. The gathering was a tribute to the 78 men and women who have left the store for service with the forces.

Destroyed By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the car and garage of William Crooks, 3153 Delta Street, shortly after 4.30 this morning. When fire trucks from the Burnside Hall and headquarters arrived the garage was in flames and both it and the car were burned beyond repair.

At 8.15 Wednesday evening the department put out a fire that started in the engine of a motorcycle parked downtown. Efforts had been made to extinguish the flames before the fire department was called and the machine was damaged considerably.

5 Drunk Cases

Five cases of pre-Christmas celebration came into police court today, one man being fined \$25 with the option of serving five days when convicted on a charge of drunkenness. Another

Ration Boards Operating Today

Inaugurating consumer rationing control on a community basis, the Dominion-wide system of local ration boards goes into operation today with 512 units organized and 35 more to be functioning in the very near future.

L.B. Unwin, Montreal, administrator of consumer rationing for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, today announced completion of the preliminary part of the program and pointed out that the ration administration, in line with its policy of a fair share basis for all, is bringing ration control right into the community and filling a need which is vital in any rationing scheme.

"Local problems can only be dealt with effectively by local boards," Mr. Unwin said, "and the success of these boards will depend on the extent to which the people of Canada use them. Citizens should remember that these boards are manned by community members, who are giving their time to help them with their ration difficulties."

Originally estimated at 500, the total of 547 local boards is divided among the provinces as follows: Prince Edward Island 5, New Brunswick 16, Nova Scotia 28, Quebec 116, Ontario 198, Manitoba 37 and British Columbia 33. The boards comprise a representative cross-section of each community, with the mayor or reeve as chairman ex-officio in nearly all cases. Other members of the boards, varying from 6 to 14, are representatives of agriculture, labor, industry, business, the professions and clergy, and on most boards there are one or two women members.

The immediate functions of the local ration boards are to serve their respective areas by issuing temporary ration cards to members of the armed forces who come into their communities on home leave, and to see that visitors to Canada are supplied with temporary ration cards and made aware of the Dominion's rationing regulations.

When a ration book is destroyed or lost, the local ration board can assist the consumer in obtaining replacement. It will also record changes of name and of address.

Applications for ration books for new babies can also be taken care of by the local boards, and complaints from consumers and the trade alike will be received.

A man who did not appear had bail of \$25 estreated. A woman was fined \$25 with the option of serving one day when she pleaded guilty to a similar charge. The one-day option would allow her to leave the city jail before Christmas arrived.

An Indian was fined \$10 with the option of serving two days on a drunk charge while another who did not come to court had bail of \$10 estreated.

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OBITUARY

GARDNER—Last rites for Claude William Edward Gardner were held Wednesday in Christ Church Cathedral, Dean S. H. Elliott officiating. Pallbearers were: Dr. W. Rose, J. R. Hallam, W. H. Atkins, C. B. Bowman, Lt. Comdr. W. M. Ogle and W. P. Bryan. Cremation took place at Royal Oak. Hayward's B.C. Funeral Co. had charge.

CHAN—Funeral of Chan Toy took place Wednesday in Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. Interment in the Chinese Cemetery.

PAUL—Dr. A. E. Whitehouse officiated at the funeral service for Miss Mary Paul Wednesday in the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home. Cremation at Royal Oak.

MILLAR—Rev. Canon H. V. Hitchcock conducted funeral service Wednesday in the Thomson Funeral Home for Thomas B. Millar. Pallbearers were: P. T. McLeod, Gordon Norris, J. Hayhoe and R. Allan. Interment at Colwood.

HAYWOOD—Funeral for Mrs. Emma Jane Haywood was held Wednesday in the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home. Rev. Frederic Pike officiating. Pallbearers were W. D. Mullin, T. W. Cunnison, C. U. Haywood, H. C. Cooke, John Sinclair and Bruce Cooke. Interment in St. Luke's Church Cemetery.

WARK—Rev. George Biddle conducted funeral service for Mrs. Josephine E. Wark Wednesday in Sands Mortuary. Pallbearers were W. Tickle, B. D. Robinson, Maj. F. S. Greenhouse, S. B. Paterson, F. A. Saunders and G. A. Coward. Cremation at Royal Oak. The ashes will be forwarded to Sproat Lake.

PLAXTON—Rev. E. G. Burgess-Browne will conduct the funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Plaxton Monday at 2 from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. Interment at Royal Oak.

WILLIAMS—Death occurred Wednesday at Royal Jubilee Hospital of Officer Cadet Donald Lionel Williams, R.C.A.S.C., of Gordon Head, O.T.C., aged 26. Cadet Williams had lived in Victoria for six weeks at Lovatt Apartments, 87 Smith Street, where he was born. He was formerly associated with Macdonald's Consolidated of Winnipeg. He had been attached to the Canadian Army (Reserve) for two and a half years. He leaves his wife, Emerald, here; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams, Winnipeg; three brothers, Reginald E., Alfred G. and James P., and one sister, Miss Daisy Williams, all of Winnipeg. The body was forwarded this afternoon to Winnipeg, where funeral service and interment will be made.

Postmaster Says Public Helped By Mailing Earlier

Handling of the rush of Christmas mail through the Victoria post office this year was facilitated by the co-operation of the public in mailing letters and gift packages earlier. Postmaster George H. Gardiner said today. In Victoria letter carriers will deliver as usual Christmas Day, but there will be no deliveries New Year's Day.

"The amount of mail handled was pretty much the same in volume as last year but it was spread over a longer period with the result that the last-minute rush was eased," said Mr. Gardiner.

The public generally, he said, had observed the mail-early requests.

The canceling machines at the post office on Dec. 23 handled approximately 100,000 letters, as compared with 200,000 on the corresponding day last year, the postmaster said. With the same amount of mail handled, this, he said, was indicative of the co-operation of the public in mailing earlier.

Parcel post was somewhat heavier that last year. Postmaster Gardiner praised the work of the High School and College students who this season filled in so admirably to relieve the labor shortage at the post office.

FLOOD OF MAIL

Canadian and overseas mailmen throughout the Dominion are groaning under the heaviest weight of Christmas mail in the history of this country, brought on by the war and departure overseas of thousands of servicemen.

Mail canceling machines are working overtime while postmen in every large centre are lifting loads to bring cheer to members of the services.

Never before in the history of Canada has the flood of mail and parcels been so great, said postal officials, who praised Canadians for observing mail-early requests.

The rush of mail in all large centres exceeded all expectations. E. R. Ingraham, district director of postal services at Saint John, said the volume of mail is the largest on record. Prince Edward Island reports indicated the volume of mail gained 15 to 20 per cent in volume.

J. A. Pouliot, post office director at Quebec City, said 125,000 letters normally are handled daily but this year the figure has jumped to more than 400,000. At Montreal, Christmas mailings are 10 per cent higher for men overseas. Mailings at Ottawa showed a 30 per cent increase over last year, approximately double the figure in 1941. Vancouver said the number of letters and parcels mailed may set a new record for the area. Mail at Regina was much heavier than last year, but earlier than it has been seen in other years.

Air Force Casualties

OTTAWA (CP)—The R.C.A.F. in its 45th casualty list of the war today reported four men killed on active service overseas, three missing after air operations overseas, and four killed on active service in Canada.

Friends of the Gyro Club who so generously supported our efforts," said Mr. Glazen.

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- 9. Travel
- 10. Beauty

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EDUCATION (13-14)

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- 14. Teachers

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DEATHS

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Copies of a detailed summary of the
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Sealed tenders will be received by the
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A.P. Correspondent Spends
Christmas In Bethlehem

By DE WITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst

BETHLEHEM (AP)—Through-
out the years I have followed
the world's news trails for the
Associated Press. I had hoped
that one Christmas I might be in
Bethlehem in Judea.Yet now that I have my wish
it isn't easy to find the exact
Yuletide message for the folk
back home.Here and in Jerusalem I have
traced the life of Jesus in tra-
ditional relics. For some reason
hard to explain I left the place
of the Nativity until the last.

LOOKED DOWN FROM WALL

I started by climbing the wall
of the ancient battlements of King David's
palace against the wall of the
old city of Jerusalem. From
there one could look down on
the straggling little stone-flagged
streets which were ancient when
Christ passed through them.From the top of David's wall
one also could see the Mount
of Olives and Gethsemane, beau-
tiful in the soft light of the
winter sun. A little beyond, in
that great wadi or canyon, runs
the river Jordan in whose waters
Jesus was baptized by John.Later I followed the steps of
Jesus as He carried His cross
along the narrow thoroughfare—
Via Dolorosa—which finally
climbed sharply upward with
many steps to Calvary. Within
the neighboring Church of the
Holy Sepulchre is the tomb in
which He was buried.

SCENE OF AGONY

Over on the hillside just east
of Jerusalem I stood by the spot
from which He ascended into
heaven and by the great stone
which they tell us was the scene
of His agony in Gethsemane.
There in the garden stands a
gnarled olive tree that is sup-
posed to be 2,000 years old, al-
though it still puts out green
leaves.Having seen historic Jerusa-
lem, I came to Bethlehem. Here,
in the quiet of this historic city,
surrounded by hallowed places
associated with the birth of
Christ, one should find inspira-
tion for a Christmas story.There is the hillside where
shepherds tended their flocks.
Across the crest, looking east-
ward, the Three Wise Men must
have followed the star until it
rested over the manger.Down in the caverns which
formed the stables of Bethle-
hem's crowded inn, we find the
stone niche in which the Christ
Child was said to have been born;
a few feet away stood the manger
in which He was placed.Certainly there is a wealth of
Christmas atmosphere—but still
that inspiration is lacking.There is a foreign note that
seems to jar. Perhaps it's the
steely clack of military boots on
the flagstones of the under-
ground stable and of the Church
of the Nativity which has been
built over this holy place.This year the Christmas tour-
ists are chiefly soldiers. Some
bear marks of the bloody argu-
ments by which the world is try-
ing to settle its differences. That
doesn't encourage the thought of
peace on earth and good will
among men.Still, we might take as the
thesis of our message the thought
that these soldiers who kneel so
reverently before the sacred
relics and altars, are fighting
among other things, for Christi-
anity.

CHRISTIANITY WAR ISSUE

Only a few weeks ago, in the
British House of Commons, I
heard the question raised whether
Christianity is an issue in this
war, and the government's
answer was "Yes."I believe one of the things we
are fighting for is to preserve
Christianity. However, I find
myself faltering a bit when I try
to make a Christmas carol.So I am just going to tell of an
incident I encountered in Jerusa-
lem while doing the stations of
the cross. This happened at the
second station, over which
stands the convent school of the
Sisters of Zion.This convent is built on the
ruins of Pontius Pilate's palace,
parts of which have been pre-
served to this day. It was here
that Christ was imprisoned and
accused.Here, too, Pilate faced the
crowds which were demanding
the Saviour's crucifixion and
watched his hands at the death
of this man in whom he found
no fault.

GUIDED BY NUNS

Nuns act as guides for visitors
and I was assigned to a charm-
ing sister who also is a teacher
in the girls' school.

As we neared the end of our

tour she remarked "You come
from America, don't you?"It was a rhetorical question,
for she already had her answer
in my accent. However, I pleaded
guilty."I always like to meet Ameri-
cans," she added, "for they bring
back happy days I spent in the
United States."

"Where did you live?" I asked.

"In Lewiston, Maine," she an-
swered. "I was educated there
30 years ago. I came down from
Canada."A little later, as I was about
to leave, she said "Give my Christ-
mas greetings to America.""And who shall I say sent
them?" I inquired.

The little lady smiled.

"Just say, Sister Mary of Zion,"
she replied.Normally America is the
world's largest consumer of tin,
using half the world's supply in
1941.

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By GLENN BABB

Associated Press Staff Writer

Today's revelation that Ameri-
cans have arrived at Dakar is a
reminder of the scope of the
United States' undertaking in
Africa. It is assurance that be-
hind the wall of secrecy imposed
by military needs a gigantic work
is going forward.What we are doing in north
Africa is preparing not merely to
oust the Axis from its dwindling
footholds along the Mediter-
ranean coast but to organize all
the northern half of the world's
second largest continent as a base
and springboard for the reduction
of what Hitler calls his fortress
of Europe.

OVERCOME OBSTACLES

The arrival of Admiral Glass-
ford and his contingent at Dakar
to integrate its fine harbor, air-
ports and the French warships
there into the United Nations' war
machine is proof that both politi-cal and geographical complica-
tions are being overcome.Meanwhile the battle for north
Africa is taking new shape. We
know the first rosy expectations
inspired by the early success of
our African undertaking were too
sanguine.The Allies are going to have to
fight a campaign of continental
scope to throw Rommel and Hen-
ring out of Africa and clear the
way for the trans-Mediterranean
invasion of Hitler-land.

HITLER'S SCHEME

There can be no doubt that Hit-
ler plans a mighty fight to hold
Tunisia as long as he can, mean-
while preparing the southern bas-
tions of his fortress Europe. The
main lines of his strategy become
clearer: he proposes to concen-
trate all the strength he can at
the point on the African coast
where geography gives him a big
initial advantage in the battle of
supply routes.

In this fight ships probably will

prove the deciding factor, men-of-
war and humbler transports and
merchantmen alike, and here the
United Nations hold the upper
hand. The alliance that mustered
850 ships to put Eisenhower and
Anderson in Africa and hundreds
more to provide Gens. Alexander
and Montgomery with the stuff
of victory have the tools for fin-
ishing the African job.Four Baseball Clubs
Cancel Long JauntsCHICAGO (AP)—Four would-
be springtime visitors to Cali-
fornia—Chicago Cubs and
White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates
and St. Louis Browns—gave up
their plans Wednesday and joined
the mass baseball migration
away from southern and western
coastal areas as they revamped
spring training programs.Submitting to a bit of prodding
from Commissioner K. M. Landis,
the four clubs announced they
would forego their westward
trips and scout around for sites
nearer home, in accordance with
suggestions made by Joseph B.
Eastman, director of the office
of defence transportation at the
recent Chicago baseball meetings.The action of these clubs ran
to nine the number of major
league teams announcing their
withdrawal from Florida or Cali-
fornia.John Borican Died of
Pernicious AnemiaBRIDGETON, N.J. (AP)—
Services for John Borican, negro,
the top-ranking United States
middle-distance runner who died
Tuesday night at the age of 29,
will be held Saturday at his
home here.His family physician, Dr. J.
Franklin Reeves, said that the
great runner and all-round
athlete, whose weight dropped
from 170 to 110 pounds during
his three-month illness, died of
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United Church of Canada

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OAK BAY
Rev. F. R. G. Dredge will preach Sunday morning and evening, his subject in the morning will be "Religion and Character," and in the evening "The Fullness of Time."

In the morning the choir will render "Sweeter Than Songs of Summer," and E. A. Lynch will sing the solo, "Ninety and Nine." In the evening a quartette will sing "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

CENTENNIAL
The preacher Sunday will be Rev. W. L. McKay of Emmanuel Baptist Church. At 7.30 the pastor, Rev. John Turner, will take for his subject "Passing of the Old Year." At the morning service the choir will give selections from the cantata "King of Kings," and a solo, "The Holy City," will be given by J. Almond. In the evening the choir will sing the anthem "Angels From the Realms of Glory." Mrs. S. Sweetnam will give a solo, "The Angels' Song." The Sunday school meets at 9.45 a.m.

ANGELIC SERVICES
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS EVE
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS—11.45 a.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION—7, 8 and 9.30 a.m.
FESTAL MATINS AND CHORAL EUCARIST—11 o'clock
Preacher—The Lord Bishop

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY
HOLY COMMUNION, 8 and 9.30 o'clock
MATINS—11 o'clock
Preacher—The Dean
CHILDREN'S SERVICE—3 o'clock
Address by The Dean
EVENING—7.30
Preacher—The Dean

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Topic—"O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"
Preacher—The Rev.

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REV. GEORGE BIDDLE, Rector
8.30 o'clock—Holy Communion
11 o'clock—"THICK DARKNESS AND A STAR"
Preacher—The Rector
7.30 o'clock—AN OLD-FASHIONED CAROL SERVICE
Preacher—REV. JOHN FURLONG

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Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m.
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Celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

St. Mary's Church

OAK BAY
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Children's Eucharist at 9.30 a.m.
Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m.
Preacher—The Rector
Carol Service at 4 p.m.
Rector, Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Eucharist—Midnight
(Commencing 11.45 p.m.)
8 o'clock and 11 o'clock

Anglican

METROPOLITAN
Special services will be celebrated on Sunday. In the morning Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse will preach on "The Heart's Deepest Satisfaction." Anthem, "Lo, God Our God Has Come," Mrs. T. H. Johns taking solo part. Miss Louise Noble, soloist, will sing "Nazareth."

Choral service in the evening with the following selections from Handel's "Messiah," "And the Glory," recit; "Behold a Virgin," air and chorus, "O Thou That Tellest," soloist, Mrs. H. Brown, chorus, "For Unto Us," pastoral symphony; Edward Parsons, recit; "There Were Shepherds," "And Lo the Angel of the Lord," recit; "And the Angel Said," recit; "And Suddenly There Was," soloist, Mrs. T. H. Johns, chorus; "Glory to God," air; "Rejoice Greatly," soloist, Mrs. T. H. Johns, chorus; "Hallelujah."

Dr. Whitehouse will give a brief address in the evening. At the close of the evening service the "Fellowship Hour."

FAIRFIELD
FO. N. J. Crees, R.C.A.F., a former pastor, will preach Sunday morning. The choir will give its second annual rendition of the musical work, "Prince of Peace" at the evening service.

Rev. Mr. Crees will speak in the morning on "My Work as a Chaplain." Anthem, "Christians Awake," soloist, A. Husband, Vancouver.

In the evening the story of Nativity will be told in music by the choir, the soloist being Mrs. Isabelle Lister, Mrs. Percy Richards, Rector Husband and W. G. H. Firth. There also will be duet and quartette music and choruses making up the cantata.

VICTORIA WEST
Sunday morning at 11, Rev. J. C. Jackson will give a Christmas message on "The Angel's Evangel." Mrs. Mawer will sing "The Gift." The choir will render "Sing, O Heavens."

BELMONT
Sunday morning, family service, with sermon, hymns and story suitable for boys and girls and their parents. Douglas Bailey will conduct the service. Rev. H. W. Kerley will preach. The choir will sing "Rejoice Greatly."

The young people will present a Christmas pageant and carol service in the evening at 7.30.

Baptist

FIRST BAPTIST
Rev. G. A. Reynolds will preach at both services Sunday. In the morning the pastor will speak on "Looking for a New Heaven and a New Earth." At 7.30 p.m. the theme will be "Has God Forgotten Us?" Music includes: Morning, anthem, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," incidental solos, Mrs. J. Peters and Mrs. N. Duckworth. Solo, "The Holy City," Mrs. Chas. Lee; anthem, "There Were Shepherds," incidental solo, Miss Hazel Clyde. Evening, anthem, "Christians Awake," incidental solo, Mrs. N. Duckworth; contralto solo, "O Thou That Tellest," Mrs. H. Jackson; solo, "Nazareth," with choir, Arthur Jackson; anthem, "Brightest and Best," solo, "A Star Was His Candle," Mrs. E. Ridgway; solo, "The People That Walk in Darkness," James Matheson; anthem, "Cherubim Song."

EMMANUEL
Sunday morning the congregation will welcome Rev. John Turner, pastor of Centennial United. At the evening service the pastor, Rev. Wilfrid L. McKay, will give a New Year's message on "Enlargement and Enrichment." Christmas music at the evening service by the choir.

CENTRAL
"The Unfolding of God's Eternal Purpose" will be the subject at the morning service Sunday, and in the evening "Room for Jesus." Dr. J. B. Rowell will preach.

Spiritualist
The Mission will meet at 7 Sunday evening at 1416 Douglas Street. The control "Alexis" will give an address, choosing as his subject "The Former Things Have Passed Away." At the close of the service flower messages will be given by Mrs. T. Allan. Christmas music.

MISSION OF ALEXIS
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TRUTH CENTRE
"Good News" will be Rev. E. M. Smiley's subject Sunday morning. Mrs. R. M. McIntosh, soloist, "You and 1943" will be the evening subject. Sgt. Peter Sim will sing "Arise, O Sun."

GOSPEL TABERNACLE
Rev. F. M. Landis, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Yates Street, will speak at 11 Sunday, on "Final Examinations—What If I Stood Before the Judgment Seat of Christ Today?" and at 7.30 on "Timeless Treasures in Time."

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At the Crystal Garden, Sunday evening, J. W. Parker will speak on "A New Heaven and a New Earth." Special music. All interested in "British-Israel" teachings are invited.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Holy Communion—8 o'clock
Sung Eucharist—11 o'clock
Festive Evening—7.30 o'clock

Anglican

CHRIST CHURCH
Celebrations of Holy Communion Sunday at 8 and 9.30. The Dean will preach at the morning service at 11 and in the afternoon at 3 will address the children of the parish at their annual Christmas tree gift service. Evening service will be sung at 7.30, when the Dean will again preach. Members of the forces and friends are invited to be guests of the A.Y.P.A. at a social hour in Memorial Hall after the evening service.

ST. JOHN'S
Sunday services: Holy Communion at 8, morning service at 11, topic, "Thick Darkness and a Star." At 7.30 an old-fashioned carol service, topic, "Christmas Reflections," by Rev. John Furlong, R.C.N. Men and women of the forces and young people invited to social hour after the evening service as guests of the young people. Organ recital at 7.10.

ST. MARY'S
Sunday's services will be celebration of Holy Communion at 8, children's Eucharist at 9.30, matins and sermon at 11, the rector preaching.

Shortened evensong and carol service at 4.
Monday, Innocent's Day, celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30. Weekly service of intercessions Tuesday morning at 10.30, and at same hour Thursday mid-week celebration of Holy Communion with special intercessions.

ST. ALBAN'S
Holy Communion on Sunday at 8, matins at 11, evensong at 7. Rev. Fred Comley.

ST. PAUL'S, ESQUIMALT
Holy Communion on Sunday at 8, matins and sermon at 11, Christmas carol service at 7.

ST. MARK'S
Holy Communion on Sunday at 8, matins and carols at 11, evensong and carols at 11, Rev. Owen L. Jull.

ST. LUKE'S, CEDAR HILL
Holy Communion Sunday at 8.30. Carol service at 11. Carol service at 7.30. Rev. F. Pike. St. George's, Cadboro Bay—Holy Communion at 8.30, carol service at 4. Rev. T. Jenkins.

ST. SAVIOUR'S
Holy Communion, Sunday, at 8, matins at 11. Old-time carol service (the Nativity story in song) at 3.30, Rev. Alfred S. Lord.

ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS
Choral celebration on Sunday at 11; carol service at 7.30, Rev. K. L. Sanderson. Sunday school at Four Mile House, View Royal, at 3.

ST. JOHN'S, COLWOOD
Holy Communion, Sunday, at 8.30, evening prayer and sermon at 3, A.Y.P.A. service at 7. Rev. G. H. Greenhalgh.

ST. MATTHEW'S, LANGFORD
Morning prayer and sermon tomorrow at 11, Rev. G. H. Greenhalgh.

ST. COLUMBA, STRAWBERRY VALE
Holy Communion Sunday at 9.30, evensong and sermon at 3. Rev. Canon H. V. Hitchcock.

ST. STEPHEN'S, MT. NEWTON
Holy Communion at 8.30, carol service at 11.30, carol service at 7.30, Rev. Warren N. Turner.

ST. MARY'S, SAANICHTON
Matins and sermon on Sunday at 10.30, Rev. W. N. Turner.

ST. MICHAEL'S, ROYAL OAK
Holy Communion on Sunday at 8; matins and sermon at 11.

ST. ANDREW'S, SIDNEY
Holy Eucharist Sunday at 8.30. Ninefold carol service at 7. Rev. C. A. Sutton.

HOLY TRINITY, PAT BAY
Shortened matins, sermon and Sung Eucharist Sunday at 11. Rev. C. A. Sutton.

Christmas Services

Special services will be held in city churches tonight with celebrations of Holy Communion, Masses and other services on Christmas Day.

CHRIST CHURCH
Christmas midnight Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop H. E. Sexton, beginning at 11.45. On Christmas Day there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8 and 9.30. Festal Matins and a choral celebration of the Holy Communion will follow at 11 at which the bishop will be both celebrant and preacher.

ST. JOHN'S
Christmas Eve there will be a midnight service of Holy Communion, commencing at 11.30. On Christmas Day the services are as follows: 8.30 Holy Communion, and at 11 sermon and Communion, Rev. George Biddle's subject being "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

ST. MATTHIAS
Midnight Holy Communion and singing of Christmas hymns Christmas Eve at 11.30. Services on Christmas Day, celebration of Holy Communion at 8 and choral Eucharist and Christmas message at 11.

ST. ALBAN'S
Christmas Eve, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11.30. Holy Communion will be observed Christmas Day at 8 and 11. Rev. Fred Comley will also officiate at 6 in the Royal Jubilee Hospital chapel.

ST. MARY'S, OAK BAY
Christmas Day the services will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8 and 9.30, also at noon. Matins and sermon will be held at 11 when Ven. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn, will preach. On Saturday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10.30.

ST. PAUL'S, ESQUIMALT
Christmas Eve, Holy Communion at 10, choral Eucharist at 11.45. Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 8, choral Eucharist at 11. The preacher at 11 will be Rev. R. E. M. Yerburch.

METROPOLITAN AND FIRST UNITED
A joint service will be held Christmas morning at 11 in Metropolitan United Church. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse will conduct the service and Rev. Hugh A. McLeod will give the address.

OAK BAY UNITED
Rev. F. R. G. Dredge will conduct a special service Christmas morning at 10. Mrs. Elsie Ridgway will sing a Christmas carol.

CENTRAL BAPTIST
Christmas Day service will be held at 11, when Rev. Dr. J. B. Rowell will speak on "Christmas in Our World—An Incongruity or an Affinity?"

CENTENNIAL
Christmas morning community service will be held at 10, conducted by Rev. John Turner. A solo will be given by Samuel Swetnam.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
Pontifical midnight mass will be chanted Christmas Eve by Bishop John C. Cody, who will also deliver the occasional sermon. The service will begin at midnight with the solemn procession to the crib. The statue of the Divine Infant will be carried by the youngest of the choir boys. During the procession the men's choir will render "Adeste Fideles" as arranged by Novello.

At the crib, the cathedral boys' choir will sing "Silent Night" and "Sleep, Holy Babe." While the Bishop is vesting, PO. Paul Boleau of the R.C.A.F., will chant "Minuit Chretien." The men's choir will sing the proper of the Mass in the Church's official music, the Gregorian Chant, but the Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis and Agnus Dei will be from the "Missa Solemnis," and the Credo from the "Mass in D Minor."

The offertory motet will be Father Ronan's "Lauda Jerusalem," with the Sanctus from the Mass by Pietro Yon. The recessional will be the popular theme, "Angels We Have Heard on High."

On Christmas Day, Masses will be at 7, 8, 9.30 and 11. During the last Mass, which is a Low Mass, the boys' choir will chant popular Christmas carols. At 7.30 in the evening there will be special devotions to the Christ Child, followed by Pontifical Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

OTHER SERVICES
St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Obed Avenue—Christmas Eve, midnight celebration of Holy Communion, 12; Christmas Day, Holy Communion, 8; Choral Communion, 11.

St. Columba, Strawberry Vale—Holy Communion and Christmas service, 10.

St. Mary's, Saanichton—Holy Communion, 10.

Presbyterian

ST. ANDREW'S
Services on Sunday will be conducted by Rev. J. Lewis W. McLean. His sermon subject in the morning will be "Be This Our Resolve." The soloist will be Mrs. H. T. Weatherly, A.T.C.M., singing "Gesu Bambino," and the choir will contribute the anthem, "Sing, O Heavens." At the evening service the choir will present the sacred cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," the following taking solo parts: Mrs. H. T. Weatherly; Mrs. F. W. Hawes, W. Draper and A. W. Trevett. Mr. McLean will speak on the topic, "Let Us Sing." Visitors, men and women of the forces invited.

GORGE
On Sunday at 11 the girls' choir will sing carols, and Miss Myrtle Corkle will render the solo "O Holy Night." The minister's subject will be: "We Finish to Begin Again." At 7.15, song service, and at 7.30 the subject will be "In the Beginning, God." Special Christmas music.

ST. PAUL'S
Rev. James Hyde will conduct morning and evening worship on Sunday. Subject for the morning will be: "Christ's Personal Return to Reign the Hope of the Christian Church." Evening subject, "Christ's Last Appeal to an Unrepentant World." Sunday school at 9.45, Esquimalt school at 2. Prayer service, Wednesday, at 8.

Startling Revelation
"A Startling Revelation of What Is Coming" is the subject of the lecture to be given by Evangelist G. O. Adams Sunday night in the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium. The lecture begins at 7.30. The community song service at 7.15.

ALLIANCE
GOSPEL TABERNACLE C. and M. A. Yates Street, near Cook; Rev. F. M. Landis, pastor, 9.45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship; 7.30 p.m. Gospel service; 7.45 p.m. Bible study; Friday, 8 p.m. Crusade.

CHRISTADELPHIAN
CHRISTADELPHIAN, ORANGE HALL, 3 p.m.; subject, "God Telling of Christ's Day." All welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1620 FERNWOOD Road—Church meets at 11 a.m. for breaking of bread. G. 2670, Secretary.

FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
ESQUIMALT FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 881 Esquimalt Road, near Head St. Services: 10 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Fellowship; 7.30 p.m. Gospel service; Wednesday, 8 p.m. Bible study; Friday, 8 p.m. Crusade.

GOSPEL HALLS
BETHESDA, 1900 OAK BAY AVE., SUNDAY, 11 a.m. Lord's Supper; 3 p.m. Gospel service; 7.30 p.m. Gospel service; 8 p.m. Bible study; Wednesday, 8 p.m. Bible study; Friday, 8 p.m. Crusade.

VICTORIA GOSPEL HALL
905 PANDORA AVE.—11 a.m. Worship, breaking of bread; 7.30 p.m. Gospel service; 8 p.m. Bible study; Wednesday, 8 p.m. Bible study; Friday, 8 p.m. Crusade.

SERVICE MEN'S MISSION
448 JOHNSON St.—Sunday, 7.30 p.m.; Gospel meeting; Monday, 8 p.m.; Prayer meeting; Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 8. Gospel meetings. A hearty welcome awaits all who come.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN
GRACE LUTHERAN, BLANCKHARD ST.—Church and services Sunday, 11 a.m. One evening service, full vesper; 7.30 p.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. Rev. J. A. Jensen.

SALVATION ARMY
SALVATION ARMY CITADEL, BROAD St.—Sunday 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Sunday school 2. Thursday and Saturday nights, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), 1829 Fern Street, off Fort; Sunday meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

SPIRITUALIST
FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, 8.0 E. Hall, 1216 Broad Street—7.30 p.m. Word service and flower messages, Mrs. C. F. Milne.

MISSION OF ALEXIS
1416 DOUGLAS St.—7 p.m. Rev. E. Shewers and Mrs. T. Allan. No Thursday circle.

OPEN DOOR SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
714 CORMORANT ST.—No discussion class; 7.30 p.m. trance address, Rev. Walter Holder.

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Pastor: REV. A. E. WHITEHOUSE, B.D., D.D.
11 a.m.—"The Heart's Deepest Satisfaction"
7.30 p.m.—Choral Selections from Handel's "Messiah," by the Choir. Brief Address by the Minister
9.45 a.m.—Church School—Intermediate and Senior
11 a.m.—Church School—Juniors—Beginners—Primary
At the close of the evening service a New Year's Entertainment for Men and Women of the Service.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Corner Quadra and Balmoral Road
REV. HUGH A. McLEOD, M.A., B.D., Minister
REV. F. W. ANDERSON, M.A., Visiting Pastor
MISS PEARL WILLOWS, B.A., Deaconess
GEORGE H. PEAKER, Chairman and Organist
11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.—PUBLIC WORSHIP
Conducted by the Minister
A Fireside Hour will be held at the close of the evening service. Men and women of the service, strangers and young people are invited.

FAIRFIELD UNITED CHURCH

(FIVE POINTS)
REV. DR. W. J. SIFFRELL, Pastor
11 a.m.—Guest speaker, FO. N. J. Crees, former minister of Fairfield United.
7.30 p.m.—"PRINCE OF PEACE" CANTATA

OPEN DOOR
At 714 Cormorant Street on Sunday evening at 7.30, Rev. Walter Holder will give a trance address on "Into the Future."

Centennial UNITED CHURCH

Gorge Road near Government St.
11 a.m.—REV. W. L. MCKAY, Soloist—J. Almond
7.30 p.m.—REV. JOHN TURNER, "PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR"
Christmas Day
Community Service at 10 a.m.
Soloist—Samuel Swetnam

Oak Bay United Church
Corner Granville and Mitchell Streets
11 a.m.—Public Worship
"RELIGION AND CHARACTER"
7.30 p.m.—Public Worship
"THE FULLNESS OF TIME"
Minister—REV. F. R. G. DREDGE, M.A.

Victoria Truth Centre
704 FORT ST.
REV. EMMA N. SMILEY, Minister
Sun., 11 a.m.—"GOOD NEWS"
Sun., 7.30 p.m.—"YOU AND 1943"
ALL ARE WELCOME

First Church of Christ Scientist
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Sunday Services—11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.
Subject: "Christian Science"
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Pandora Ave.
Pastor, J. B. ROWELL
WELCOME
11 a.m.—"The Eternal Purpose"
Evening Gospel Service—7.30
"ROOM FOR JESUS"
Watchnight Service—Thurs., 11
"Revival or Reversal?"

GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE
842 North Park St.
(F.A.O.C.) REV. E. W. ROBINSON, Pastor
Rev. H. J. Underhill, Assistant Pastor, in charge
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Subject—"HOPE"
7.30 p.m., Subject—"WHAT IS THE FUTURE?"
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CHRISTMAS DAY
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
11 a.m.—Holy Communion
BUNDAY, DEC. 27
11 a.m.—Matins—Sermon, Sunday School as usual, 9.45 a.m.
7.30—Evening—Sermon
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE—Dec. 31—11.30 p.m.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Mason and Quadra Sts.
REV. G. A. REYNOLDS, Minister
11 a.m.—"Looking for a New Heaven and a New Earth"
7.30 p.m.—"HAS GOD FORGOTTEN US?"

EMPIRE MINISTRY
"A New Heaven and a New Earth"
Is the subject of the address to be presented by MR. J. W. PARKER, THE KINGDOM EVANGELIST and BRITISH-ISRAEL LECTURER, of Vancouver, at CRYSTAL GARDEN, Sunday Evening at 7.30.
"A Practical Analysis in the Light of Prophecy."
Song service at 7.15, led by N. T. Croes. Soloists, Mrs. J. W. Bishop, soprano, Pianist, Miss Ethel James.
Come and Hear What the Bible Says Is In Store for a Chaotic World.

Puppet Show for Christmas



In front of the stage on which the puppet show was produced at Bank Street School last week, stands Marguerite Gordon and Byron Sylvester. Sitting on the floor as spectators from left to right are: Neil DeMacedo, Diane Tippet, Barbara Coleman, Sheila Dixon and Kenneth Tidbury. As part of their social studies the children made their own puppets, the scenery and costumes. The play presented was "The Kitten that Wanted to be a Christmas Present." Miss A. M. Paterson is the teacher.

Willie Winkle

Grannie Brown's Christmas Eve Party. We all do a turn, some good, some not so good

THIS IS CERTAINLY a different Christmas to the ones I have known.

Just try and find a poor kid.

Usually about the 1st of December most of us start rummaging through our cellars and attics digging out toys that we won't need any more. Then we take them to the Pirates' Den and fix broken parts and paint them. On Christmas Eve we go to the poor families in the neighborhood and leave our presents.

But there seems to be no more poor and we're all glad of that. I must say, though, that our gang misses not being able to do something to help the poor. It kind of made Christmas.

WHEN SKINNY and I were walking home from school last Friday noon Grannie Brown called us in.

"I haven't seen much of you boys lately," Grannie Brown said. "I hope now you're growing bigger you won't forget me altogether."

"We'll never do that," I said.

"Of course I know you won't but as we grow older our friends change," Grannie Brown said.

"I know you boys will be having your eye on some girl pretty soon, if you haven't already. Then you'll begin to have less time for your old folks, which may be a good thing for mother. I was wondering whether we couldn't have a little party at my place next Thursday afternoon, Christmas Eve. Suppose you get some of your gang, as you call it, together and put on a little concert for me. I hope this isn't too much to ask. You know I'm getting along and I don't suppose I'll see many more Christmases."

"We'd be glad to," I said. "We'll get some of the kids and we'll be along. Tea at 4, I suppose?"

"No, Willie, this isn't a hen party, excuse me, I mean one of those high society afternoon teas," said Grannie Brown. "Come early and stay late."

WHEN WE GOT OUTSIDE we met Pinto. We told him what we planned to do and asked him to come.

"Sure, it's O.K. by me," said Pinto. "But what can we make do to put on a program. They can tell a joke?"

"Me, I can tell a joke," said Skinny. "Listen to this one. The newweds were spending their first Christmas together. The husband sat down to carve the turkey and asked his wife, 'Dear, what did you stuff the turkey with?' The wife seemed surprised and replied, 'It didn't need stuffing, dear. It wasn't hollow.'"

Well, ain't that good? Why don't you laugh?"

"Corny, corny," Pinto said. "One more like that and you'll have a black Christmas."

"Don't let's get ragging on jokes," I said. "We got to get out a program."

"Well, I'll tell you a simple way," said Pinto. "Just do what I do. Clip something out of the paper about Christmas and let's read it to Grannie Brown. Surely all you kids can read."

"It's a good idea and I'm for it," I said. "Now let's get hold of some of the kids and we'll entertain Grannie Brown in a new way."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON we arrived at Grannie Brown's and, boy, did she have a spread for us! I don't know how she does it at her age and on her ration cards. But there they were, those grand old Grannie Brown's cookies, a couple of cakes, lots of lemonade and hulk. She even had a small Christmas tree and there was a present for each of us.

"Grannie, you shouldn't have done all this," said Rosy. "It's too much for you."

"No, no, my dear," said Grannie Brown. "I get so much joy and pleasure out of doing it. It makes me just as happy as it does you. I'm honored to have you visit me. You've been all such good children through the years. It puts me in mind of when I was a child—that's a long time ago. We had such grand parties. Now there are few of my relatives left, I'm alone, that is almost alone—I still have you blessed children."

"You can always count on us, Grannie," I said. "Now you've done your part for the party we're going to do ours. We're each going to read something about Christmas. Go ahead, Rosy, you start off."

"Mine is a poem," said Rosy. "Here it is: The earth has grown old with its burden of care, But at Christmas it always is young; The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, And its soul, like a rose, breaks forth on the air."

"That was lovely," said Grannie Brown. "I didn't expect Skinny to do that."

"I did," said Skinny. "At Christmas one is always interested in the neighbors," said Jack.

"Concerning our good neighbors to the south Latin America, to those in Argentina, Peru, Cuba and Mexico, Christmas is purely a religious day. There is no festivity nor gifts until Jan. 6, the day of the Three Wise Men,

"Here is my contribution," said Betty.

"Christmas in Canada will be home made this year. Everyone who can manage to do so will be at home, wrapping packages around the fire and helping set the table for Christmas dinner, holding fast to all the dear family traditions that are a part of the celebration."

"Christmas is a word, a custom; a shining festival of unselfishness. It is new mittens and popcorn balls; it is Dickens' Christmas carol on the radio. It is big cookies with colored sugar frosting; and everyone gathered around the mechanical toy on the hearth rug."

"It is Grandma's quivering alto joining in the carols; it is Benny Goodman's recording of 'Sing, Sing, Sing.' It is the home made holly wreath on the front door; it is your neighbor running over the back way with a plate of warm gingerbread for the children."

"It is Dad fixing up the old string of lights for the tree as good as new; it is Grandpa teaching the children monopoly. It is the baby gurgling over his new plaything."

"It is the stranger in uniform, sitting in the place of the homesick boy in a distant land; it is Mother smiling bravely, with misty eyes."

"It is Christmas cards; and old, tarnished tree ornaments; and hot milk toast for supper."

"It is winter dusk and soft firelight and homespun happiness."

"You're next, Skinny," I said. "None of those corny jokes."

"There is an ancient legend," read Skinny, "that there were three trees around the manger where the infant Christ lay. One was an olive, one a date palm and the third was a pine tree. The olive and the palm gave their fruits in honor of the Christ Child, but the pine had no gift to offer. Seeing its distress, some stars came down out of the sky to brighten its branches. The Baby smiled at the first Christmas tree."

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"I hope you have no reason to fear," said Standish, but he believed an attack was sure. Before long, certain Indians came boldly into the white men's quarters and were allowed to sharpen their knives. One Indian was known as We-tu-wa-mat. He was a large hardy fellow, and boasted that he had killed white men in battle. He said that they had died "crying like children." This warrior then spoke of his knife.

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, a little trouble with Indians in that area did develop, but it was of no special importance. There was to be no extensive warfare between whites and Indians so long as Chief Massasoit lived.

The Boston Bay settlement (which proved a failure) must not be confused with the village of Boston, which was started a few years later.

Boston was at first just one of several small towns near the coast, but it became the capital of the colony of Massachusetts. It grew to be much larger than Plymouth.

Cambridge was a village near Boston, and there the colonists started a college. The general council voted a sum equal to about \$1,500 for a college, "so the light of learning might not go out." John Harvard, a minister, willed twice as much toward founding a college, and his money was combined with the amount voted. The college was called Harvard in the minister's honor. For 200 years, the expenses of the college were paid chiefly by public taxes.

Uncle Ray's Corner

by RAMON COFFMAN

Pilgrim's Medicine Helped Chief's Recovery

THE VILLAGE of Plymouth was the first successful settlement of whites in the part of the United States known as "New England." One reason for its success was the good will of nearby Indians, and among those Indians the chief called Massasoit was a special friend.

One day sad news came to Plymouth. Massasoit, it was learned, was sick and was likely to die. At the same time, word came that a Dutch ship had been driven close to shore, and could not get free until the tide rose again.

The governor of Plymouth wanted to send a message to the Dutch, and also desired to help the sick chief. Edward Winslow, one of the Pilgrims, was asked to make a trip to take care of both things. With him went another Englishman and an Indian guide.

WINSLOW AND his companions found the Dutch vessel gone, but they hurried on to the Indian village where Massasoit lay ill. The chief's hut was so crowded that the white men could hardly enter. Six or eight women were rubbing his arms and legs "to keep heat in him." Medicine men, or "pow-wows," were trying their charms, and were making a frightful noise.

When the white men entered the hut, a hush fell over the place. "Who has come?" asked Massasoit.

"Your friends, the English," said one of the medicine men, speaking his own language. The

English could understand the Indian language fairly well, but could not speak it. For that reason they used their guide to interpret.

"The governor has sent me to comfort you," said Winslow. "I have brought things which may do you good. Shall I give them to you?"

Winslow gave him a bit of medicine, which he swallowed. The Indians by the bedside were happy, declaring: "That is the first thing he has swallowed in two days."

WINSLOW ALSO scraped the sick man's tongue and gave him water to drink—which seemed to bring improvement. Next day messengers were sent to the white men's village for more medicine. Winslow went on a hunting trip, and killed a waterfowl. When the bird was cooked and broth was made, the chief showed a hearty appetite.

Massasoit soon became quite well, and said, "As long as I live, I shall never forget this kindness of the English."

Winslow and the other white men were honored with a feast, and there was great rejoicing over the recovery of the beloved chief.

As the years passed, more and more colonists came to Plymouth and to points on the coast not a great distance away. Villages were started here and there, some of them successful, some failures.

Among the villages which may be counted as failures was a little settlement along the shore of Boston Bay, about 60 miles from Plymouth. In that village the

men were not so hard-working as the Pilgrims. They ate up what food they had, and saved little for the winter. When their corn supply ran out, they began to buy grain from the Indians. They gave beads and other trifles in exchange.

SAD TO SAY, the white men in the Boston Bay village did not always buy the corn. They learned that they could steal it, and did so quite often. Under the cover of darkness, they would go to places where Indians had storehouses and do the robbing. You may be sure that the Indians became angry.

"We won't trade with you any more," they said. "You cannot get our corn or furs, no matter what you offer to give us."

After that, the corn was hidden more carefully. The settlers sometimes found a little, but not so often. Their food supply fell to the lowest point. A letter was sent to Plymouth:

"The Indians of a tribe near Boston Bay are planning an attack on the English (at Boston Bay). Then they will attack Plymouth."

CAPT. STANDISH, and eight soldiers made haste to Boston Bay, in a sailboat. Reaching the settlement, they found men busy gathering ground-nuts and looking for crabs and oysters.

"How do you dare to go where the Indians can shoot you?" asked Capt. Standish.

"Oh, we are not afraid of them," was the reply. "They come to our village sometimes, and there is no quarrelling."

Twelve Days of Christmas

THE "TWELVE Days of Christmas" is a phrase which we have almost forgotten today. Yet Christmas itself is only part of the great feast of Yule, which extends from Christmas Eve to 12th Night (Jan. 6). Here and there in the more remote parts of England memories of this still survive.

In Cornwall, the fisherfolk of St. Ives and the neighboring villages go Guise Dancing. At night the streets are invaded by parties of young people attired in grotesque costume. The boys are usually dressed as girls and the girls as boys, some of them representing historical characters, others merely disguised with blackened faces.

To see them dancing at the street corners to the sound of concertina and drum, one might be watching some Italian carnival were it not for the mid-winter sky overhead.

Until recently the guise dancers in Cornwall, as elsewhere, used to act the traditional play of "St. George and the Dragon." Many versions of this are found all over Britain, but the principal characters are the same in all. The party are generally introduced by "Old Father Christmas."

Stepping out from the half-circle of players assembled in the big friendly kitchens of the farmhouses, he proclaimed: "Here comes I, old Father Christmas, welcome or welcome not."

I do hope old Father Christmas will never be forgot. If you don't believe what I do say, Come in, St. George, and clear the way."

A RESPONDENT St. George was followed by the sombre figure of the Turkish Knight, and his companion the Dragon. After a great deal of boasting and country wit, a fight takes place and the Turkish Knight is knocked out by St. George. Then in comes

the doctor. With his magic medicine he resurrects the "Turkey Snipe" and the battle is renewed. But once again St. George proves the champion, the Turkish Knight is slain and he, and the Dragon, are dragged off the stage by "Old Beezebub."

As a reward for his valor, St. George (in some versions) is given the hand of Princess Sabra, the King of Egypt's daughter, in marriage.

This ancient mummery's play is still acted at Christmas time in some of the villages of Hampshire. The players there are farm laborers, and wear a traditional costume consisting of a Norman helmet and something resembling a coat of mail. Their faces are hidden by fluttering strips of wallpaper which hang down over their clothing and give them a wild appearance. As one meets them trudging through the lanes, they look more like a troop of dancers transplanted from the jungle than sober English countrymen.

For hundreds of years the play has been associated with St. George, the patron saint of England; yet the "plot" is probably far older than any of the characters. There is little doubt that it dates from before the time of Christianity, and that the slaying of the Turkish Knight and the victory of St. George originally symbolized the defeat of winter and the triumph of spring.

THE "Twelve Days" was also a fire festival. Everywhere throughout Europe great bonfires were lighted at this time to encourage the midwinter sun to regain its power.

At Allendale, in Northumberland, 25 men in quaint costumes still parade the town on New Year's Night carrying pans of blazing tar upon their heads. Led by a band, they gather in the market place, where a huge bonfire is lighted.

Further north, at Burghhead, on the Moray Firth, the festival appears again in a ceremony called "Burning the Clavie." This takes place on Jan. 11, which is Hogmanay or New Year's Eve—old style. The "Clavie" is manufactured out of a tar barrel with odd bits of wood, and is lighted from a burning peat—no other method may be used.

It is afterwards carried with much ceremony to a neighboring hillock, where fresh fuel is added, and the flames shoot high into the

darkness. The clavie is finally demolished whilst still burning, and the crowd rush to seize the glowing embers, which are thought to bring good luck.

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If a man meets a man knock a man down—But don't hurt him!" and huris it into the air. In a moment the crowd is on it, each man striving to capture the hood and escape with it, past the boggins, to his own village.

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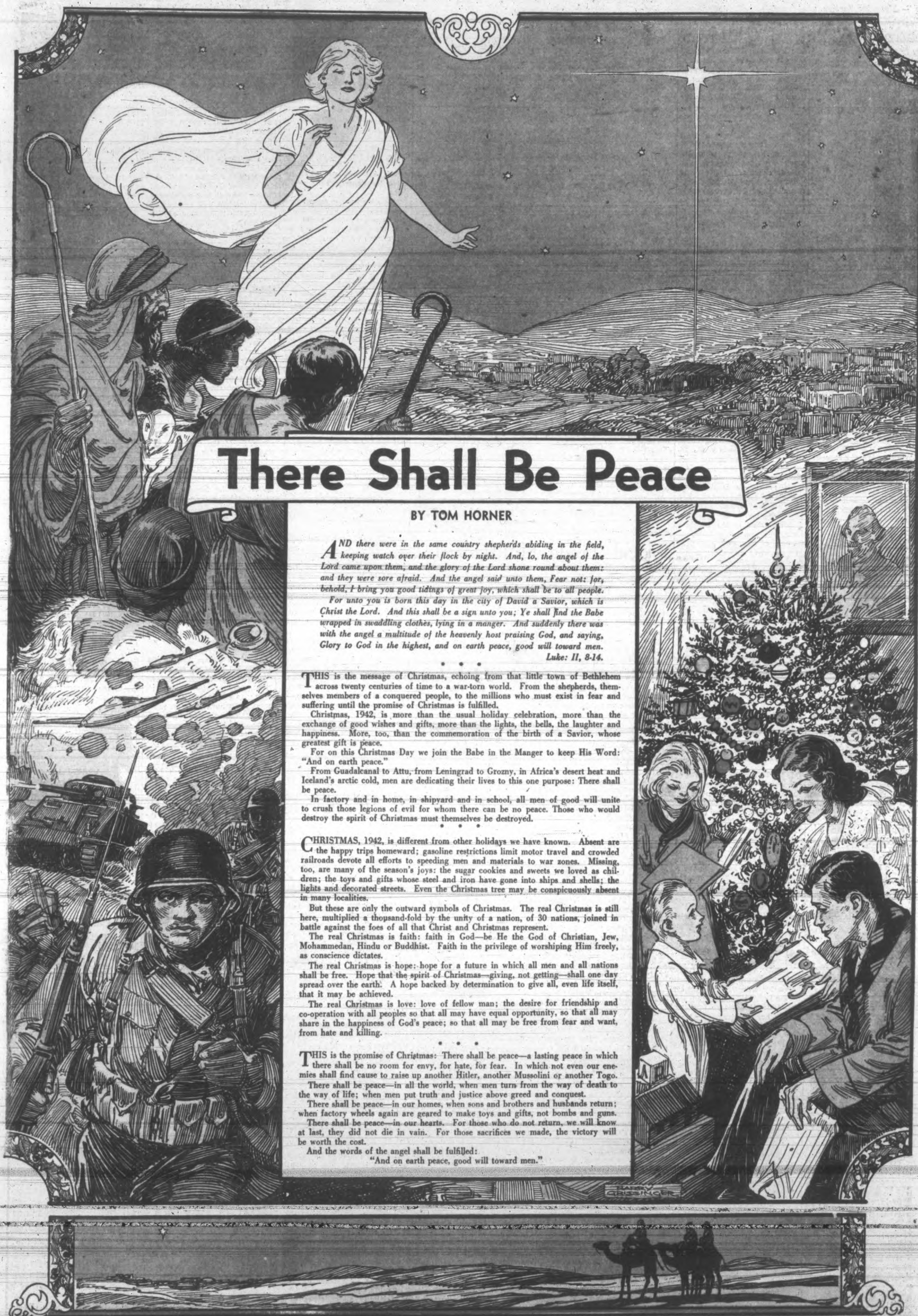
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There Shall Be Peace

BY TOM HORNER

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke: II, 8-14.

THIS is the message of Christmas, echoing from that little town of Bethlehem across twenty centuries of time to a war-torn world. From the shepherds, themselves members of a conquered people, to the millions who must exist in fear and suffering until the promise of Christmas is fulfilled.

Christmas, 1942, is more than the usual holiday celebration, more than the exchange of good wishes and gifts, more than the lights, the bells, the laughter and happiness. More, too, than the commemoration of the birth of a Savior, whose greatest gift is peace.

For on this Christmas Day we join the Babe in the Manger to keep His Word: "And on earth peace."

From Guadalcanal to Attu, from Leningrad to Grozny, in Africa's desert heat and Iceland's arctic cold, men are dedicating their lives to this one purpose: There shall be peace.

In factory and in home, in shipyard and in school, all men of good will unite to crush those legions of evil for whom there can be no peace. Those who would destroy the spirit of Christmas must themselves be destroyed.

CHRISTMAS, 1942, is different from other holidays we have known. Absent are the happy trips homeward; gasoline restrictions limit motor travel and crowded railroads devote all efforts to speeding men and materials to war zones. Missing, too, are many of the season's joys: the sugar cookies and sweets we loved as children; the toys and gifts whose steel and iron have gone into ships and shells; the lights and decorated streets. Even the Christmas tree may be conspicuously absent in many localities.

But these are only the outward symbols of Christmas. The real Christmas is still here, multiplied a thousand-fold by the unity of a nation, of 30 nations, joined in battle against the foes of all that Christ and Christmas represent.

The real Christmas is faith: faith in God—be He the God of Christian, Jew, Mohammedan, Hindu or Buddhist. Faith in the privilege of worshipping Him freely, as conscience dictates.

The real Christmas is hope: hope for a future in which all men and all nations shall be free. Hope that the spirit of Christmas—giving, not getting—shall one day spread over the earth. A hope backed by determination to give all, even life itself, that it may be achieved.

The real Christmas is love: love of fellow man; the desire for friendship and co-operation with all peoples so that all may have equal opportunity, so that all may share in the happiness of God's peace; so that all may be free from fear and want, from hate and killing.

THIS is the promise of Christmas: There shall be peace—a lasting peace in which there shall be no room for envy, for hate, for fear. In which not even our enemies shall find cause to raise up another Hitler, another Mussolini or another Togo. There shall be peace—in all the world, when men turn from the way of death to the way of life; when men put truth and justice above greed and conquest. There shall be peace—in our homes, when sons and brothers and husbands return; when factory wheels again are geared to make toys and gifts, not bombs and guns. There shall be peace—in our hearts. For those who do not return, we will know at last, they did not die in vain. For those sacrifices we made, the victory will be worth the cost.

And the words of the angel shall be fulfilled:
"And on earth peace, good will toward men."



Reading Aloud to Children

By COUNTRY MOTHER

ONE OF THE greatest pleasures of motherhood has been reading aloud to our three children and I think the "pater familias" has enjoyed it equally; at any rate he has done a good share of it.

I began with the nursery rhymes when our first born was "very young." I think Willie Winkie was the first. And what a help he was at bedtime! For us he was a real little person running through the town to see if the children were in their beds. When all tucked in we'd begin, "Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town."

Upstairs and . . . long pause to see if the young lady would fill in the world down before going on. Soon she could say the last words of all the lines and finally would say and act it out herself. What a great event that was!

The Old Woman tossed up in a basket was a great daytime favorite. I think we liked the little dialogue at the end.

"Where are you going up so high?"
"To sweep the cobwebs out of the sky."
"May I go with you?"
"Aye, we and by—"
But we went through them all in turn and made plays of many of them. After several cheap little books we had a Christmas gift of a beautifully illustrated one. It has given pleasure for many years and is still a treasure.

THE BOOK enjoyed most after the nursery rhymes was the popular Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter. This is without doubt a classic. Although none of her other quite come up to Peter there are three that our children enjoyed—Squirrel Nutkin, Jeremy Fisher and the Tailor of Gloucester. The last is a charming Christmas story which no child should miss.

Next to Peter Rabbit, I think our children enjoyed Little Black Sambo by Helen Bannerman. It was read so many times and loaned out so often that a new one had to be bought for the youngest member of the family when he was about four.

It was a great day when we discovered the books of Lucy Fitch Perkins. The first one we read was The Dutch Twins. Then followed The Eskimo Twins. The Japanese Twins and others just as fast as birthdays or Christmas came around. These moderately priced books are attractively illustrated by the author and give a good idea of the dress, manners and customs as well as a feeling of kinship with children of other lands.

Many bits of humor lighten the pages. One part of The Dutch Twins always caused great amusement. "While the pot boiled Vrouw Vedder scrubbed the floor and wiped the window. Then she took her broom and scrubbing brush outside the house. She scrubbed the little pig with soap."

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The little pig squealed because she got some soap in his eyes. She scrubbed the steps and even the trunk of the poplar tree in the yard! She scrubbed everything in sight—except Father Vedder and the twins."

The Magic Fishbone by Dickens with its fascinating illustrations by F. D. Bedford was a great favorite. It is the story of King Watkins, his queen, who was much given to swooning, and their 19 children. They were in a constant state of insufficient funds but their contriving daughter, Alicia, finally relieves the situation with her magic fishbone.

I OFTEN WONDER how parents without the help of that remarkable character in Water Babies—Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby—who seems to be the embodiment of the Golden Rule. Fortunately for us our children never tired of it and we all learned some fine lessons from it. Each time it was read the children would grasp more of its inner meaning. I know of no book that shows more clearly that old truth that we all need so much, "What you sow that shall you also reap." Such parts as the following are good food for thought these days.

"Now you may fancy that Tom was quite good when he had everything that he could want or wish; but you will be very much mistaken. Being quite comfortable is a very good thing but it does not make people good. Indeed, it sometimes makes them naughty, as it has made the people of America; and as it made the people in the Bible, who waxed fat and wicked. And Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby's story of what happened to the great and famous nation of the Doasyoulikes, who came away from the country of Hardwork and lived in the land of readymade, is one never to be forgotten."

What a wealth of joy we found within the pages of The Little Prince, Heidi, The Princess and the Goblin, A Norwegian Family and others. As the children learned to read for themselves they read nearly all these books over again, sometimes a year or two ahead of their reading we paved the way as it were and thus helped to develop a taste for the best. As Abbe Dimont once wrote "Do not read good books—life is too short for that—only the best."

MUSIC ON RECORDS

By FREDSON BOWERS

HERE IS THE ANNUAL list of what in my purely private opinion have been the most distinguished albums of the past year. No individual can make up a list of the 10 best albums of 1942 that will represent universal opinion. Moreover, when I tried to make a list of 10, I found I could not sacrifice a single one out of the 12; so here, with apologies, are what were for me, the 12 most memorable albums of 1942:

Beethoven, Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Minor, played by Artur Schnabel with the Chicago Symphony under Frederick Stock (VM-930). Beethoven, String Quartet No. 9 in C Major ("Rasumovsky No. 3") Op. 59, No. 3, played by the Budapest Quartet (CM-510). Brahms, Symphony No. 2 in D Major, played by the London Philharmonic under Felix Weingartner (CM-493). French Air Songs, sung by Magie Teyte (VM-885). Hindemith, Mathis der Maler, played by the Philadelphia Orchestra under Ormandy (VM-854). Mozart, Symphony No. 38 in D Major "Prague," played by the London Philharmonic under Sir Thomas Beecham (CM-509). Mozart, Violin Quintet in G Minor (K-516), by the Budapest Quartet (CM-526). Schubert, Piano Sonata No. 10 in D Major (Op. 53), played by Artur Schnabel (VM-888). Schubert, Trio No. 1 in B flat Major (Op. 99), played by Heifetz, Rubinstein, and Reuermann (VM-923). Schubert, Cello Quintet in C Major (CM-497). Shostakovich, Symphony No. 5, by the Cleveland Orchestra under the baton of George Szell. Wagner, Siegfried's Rhine Journey and Funeral Music, by the Cleveland Orchestra (VM-853). And surely one must add the Franck Symphony played for Victor by the San Francisco Symphony under Montoux.

In addition, the following Albums were for me the most distinguished of 1942:

Orchestral: Ravel, Kaddish, Scheherazade Suite, San Fran-

Philharmonic (CM-500).

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES TO CANADA

By Donald A. Fraser

When Christmas comes to Canada
 She comes in smiling beauty;
 The spotless snow is all aglow
 About its joyous duty;
 The icy gleams on lakes and streams
 Shine forth a crystal greeting,
 While frosty air with tingling rare
 Sets every pulse a-beating!

For Christmas loves our Canada;
 She is our next-door neighbor;
 When from the north she sallies forth,
 She finds here least of labor,
 For everything she needs to bring,
 Is close to hand, and ready,
 So wintry joys for girls and boys
 Go forward swift and steady!

Sing Ho! for skaters on the ice,
 Where curlers, too, are vying;
 Toboggans glide a-down the slide!
 Like meteors skis are flying!
 The jingling sleighs gay music raise,
 And hockey sticks are clacking!
 Oh, everyone has lots of fun,
 For nothing good is lacking!

Then, Canada flaunts Christmas trees!
 On every side they bound us,
 And evergreens in wintry scenes,
 With quiet cheer surround us!
 But, when inside a tree is spied,
 With gifts and candles glowing,
 'Tis then the prime of Christmastime,
 All other shows out-showing!

When Christmas comes to Canada,
 She finds such happy people;
 She gladly sings, as she out-rings
 The bells from every steeple;
 And all the folk around the land,
 Send on the Joyful Message,
 And Angels' words, like holy birds,
 Wing on their gracious presage!

Come Christmas, then, to Canada,
 As you have come so often;
 Sprinkle kindly love, so blest above
 All else our hearts to soften;
 Come, make us leaders in that song,
 Whose strains all lands shall cover,
 When, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men,"
 Shall reign the wide world over!

World Trade Multilateral

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS publication, "The Network of World Trade," is primarily concerned with the unity of world trade. Though following up certain facts that were examined in "Europe's Trade," issued by the League of Nations last year, it represents a self-contained study. It proceeds from a consideration of the size of the trade of various areas to an analysis of the pattern of trade relations through which each country's requirements of foreign goods were met before the war.

Within each area, the nature of trade was determined largely by natural conditions of production and the relative supply of labor, capital equipment and productive land. The concentration of trade on particular commodities or in particular directions resulting from the unequal distribution of productive resources is reflected, for instance, in the facts that, in 1938, southeastern Asia supplied 91 per cent of the world's rubber, India 99 per cent of its jute and Japan 78 per cent of its silk, or that the United Kingdom purchased 81 per cent of all pork and 80 per cent of all beef and mutton traded, and the United States 69 per cent of the silk and 56 per cent of the bananas. Such concentration of trade naturally prevents it from being bilateral; there was a one-sided dependence of most trading areas upon others and this one-sidedness led to the creation of an intricate network of trade balances that extended over the whole globe. Through these balances multilateral settlement was made not only of payments of merchandise trade but also of other international transactions, particularly interest and dividend payments.

The study reveals that the cases of triangular and multilateral settlement within small groups of countries were relatively unimportant and that almost all trade balances belonged to a single world-wide system of settlement. An outline of this system is depicted in tables and diagrams showing that the tropics had an excess of exports to the United States, the United States to other recently settled countries in the temperate belts, that these countries had an excess of exports to continental Europe, which, in its turn, was a net exporter to the United Kingdom. That country, again, had a net export to the tropics as long as the system remained intact.

The analysis shows how and why this system of multilateral trade grew up during the last three decades of the 19th century, and, finally, how it deteriorated during the 1930s. The deterioration was reflected in violent price disturbances, a decline in the yield of foreign investments, reduced commercial access by certain countries to raw materials, and political tension. Failure to understand the functioning of the system is to point out, was responsible in no small measure for the disruption of trade and the economic chaos that followed. The system to which commercial policies pursued in the thirties led, and the success of postwar economic policies is likely to be largely determined by the extent to which they are based on an understanding not only of the inescapably multilateral nature of trade but also of the complex unity of the world system.

The thread of argument is sup-

Reporter Records Engaging Story Of Father's Life In China

"My Father in China," by James Burke. Farrar and Rinehart, New York. 429 pages.

JOHN SELBY, book editor of the Associated Press, nominating James Burke as "author of the week," classifies "My Father in China" first in two fields. It is, he says, the best current book on China, and the best of the new "father" books, that cycle begun by Clarence Day and given impetus by Rebecca Yancey Williams.

That's high praise for a young man's first book, but Jim Burke has earned it. He wrote this book the hard way. After doing preliminary work on the volume while a member of the Times Dispatch news staff, he made a trip to China to gather material. Returning with his manuscript almost complete, he lost most of it when his luggage burned in a bus wreck and so had a great part of the work to do all over again. The fact that the finished book shows no signs of the disaster is a tribute to the author's skill, industry and patience.

It tells the story of the career of the Rev. William Burke, for more than 50 years a missionary of the Southern Methodist Church in China. This career, which began in the autumn of 1887, under the Manchurian regime, continues still under Japan's New Order, for William Burke, according to last news, was still at his old station, Sungkiang, which has been in Japanese hands since 1937.

SAVED BY A HALF-WIT
 Determination of the Japanese to destroy the works of the missionary and all the other Occidentals in China probably has not discouraged William Burke. His early days were difficult, too. It must have been disheartening, after months of effort, to have only one convert, and that one a half-wit. However, the Lord moves in mysterious ways. It was this same demented man who stood between Burke and a mob bent on punishing the "foreign devil" for an innocent (but desperately embarrassing) violation of a peasant superstition.

The offense was forgiven and forgotten only after the big missionary had saved a large part of the city from fire, in circumstances which seemed, to the natives, to smack of the supernatural. His reputation as a wonder-worker grew with his reputation as a healer—furthered by liberal use of calomel, castor oil and quinine—and his use of a homemade electrical battery in reviv-

PRAYER

He's yours now and since I can't have him back,
 I want to tell you certain things to do:
 He likes his door left open—just a crack—
 (The dark can scare a little guy or two).
 Put Mother Goose upon the nearest shelf,
 And keep a shabby "Teddy" ever near,
 And when you hear him laughing to himself,
 Call all the angels in—so they can hear:
 Be good to him and give him all the things
 That I can never give him any more. . . .
 A puppy dog, a plane with silver wings,
 A Noah's Ark to sail the nursery floor;
 And, Mary, when small angels go to bed,
 Lean down for me—and kiss his curly head—Martha.

Bomber Report

"Bomber Command Continues," issued for the Air Ministry by the Ministry of Information, published in Canada by the Munsion Book Co., Ltd., Toronto. Price 25 cents.

This 64-page booklet is the Air Ministry's continuing account of the rising offensive against Germany, beginning with June, 1941. It tells intimately the story of what our boys who fly the big bombers over Germany and other enemy territories go through, what some endure and what some escape. It goes into the building of the bombers, the training of the crews, the dangers of the missions, the life of the crews in the barracks, the life of the crews in the field, the life of the crews in the home, the life of the crews in the hospital, the life of the crews in the prison, the life of the crews in the camp, the life of the crews in the concentration camp, the life of the crews in the gas chamber, the life of the crews in the crematorium, the life of the crews in the execution chamber, the life of the crews in the gallows, the life of the crews in the guillotine, the life of the crews in the firing squad, the life of the crews in the execution by sword, the life of the crews in the execution by axe, the life of the crews in the execution by beheading, the life of the crews in the execution by decapitation, the life of the crews in the execution by hanging, the life of the crews in the execution by shooting, the life of the crews in the execution by stoning, the life of the 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Scientists Devise Difficult Tests to Choose Air Cadets

By MARJORIE VAN DE WATER

THE BIG MOMENT has arrived for an aviation cadet. He is not about to take off on his first solo. He is not about to have his silver wings pinned on his breast.

He is standing high above the ground, balanced precariously on one foot on a moving plank while, high above his head, he tries to hold the point of a pin-sized stylus steadily in a nail-sized hole without once allowing it to touch the hole's edges. If he thinks now of the danger of a fall from this uncertain perch—if his hand trembles ever so slightly, he will fail.

Yet this test, typical of those given fliers, may decide whether he will ever wear a pilot's wings.

The job is hard. It taxes all his nerve and self-control. If you don't think so, just try sticking a needle into the ceiling and then balancing on the top of a teetering ladder while you try to thread it. But just don't break your neck doing it.

This beam balancing test is one of the new psychological tests being developed by scientists. All aviation cadets must take these classification tests before they go into training to master the controls of a plane, or to operate the new secret bomb sight or to plan and direct long flights from Shanghai La to Tokyo or Berlin.

QUICK AND ACCURATE

He must show how quick and accurate he is with his hands and arms by reaching for small pegs and fitting them rapidly and without fumbling into small holes. He has to prove that he can pick up pegs with one hand and turn them dexterously and replace them without clumsiness.

He must show how quickly he can make a decision and act on it by moving control levers in the correct way in response to different combinations of signals flashed to him from an "instrument board."

Another steadiness test—this one looks easy. He is seated comfortably and the metal plate with the nail-sized hole is within easy reach before him. All he has to do is to hold that pin-sized metal point in the hole without allowing his hand to shake.

But all of a sudden bedlam breaks loose. Bang! Whee-e-e! Horns and gongs may blare out with ear-splitting shrillness. Does his hand shake?

Now a voice bellows from behind him. "IF YOU ARE RATTLED NOW, what will you do when you are in COMBAT?"

HECKLING

It is all a part of the test—this heckling from the sergeant kibitzing behind his chair. But the aviation cadet doesn't know this. So if he is the type who can't stand this sort of distraction, he may become flustered. He may lose his temper and forget all about the test. Or he may become so harried that he can't hold his hand steady, try as he may.

But not all the tests are so trying on the patience and self-control. Another looks like something at the amusement park or penny arcade. It reminds the men of the pinball machine that used to provide fun in many a corner store. But it is operated by manipulating two levers—one in each hand. If you work your

hands in perfect unison and do it just right, you can make a metal pin travel in a straight course around a triangular groove. The edges of the groove are notched to snare the pin at the slightest faulty movement.

A favorite test of the boy who has wanted all his life to be an airplane pilot is the test that makes him feel that he has already stepped into the cockpit of a trainer. Here is a joystick and a rudder bar. He gets his hand and feet on them at last. It is up to him to show that he can work these controls. Before him is a signal board of flashing lights. He must so operate the controls that the red and green lights are brought into straight lines.

COORDINATION TEST

What this test really measures is the ability of the cadet to move his hands and feet in perfect coordination. Actually co-ordination is necessary for the bombardier as well as for the pilot, but because of the looks of the device, the would-be pilot thinks it is aimed especially at him.

He spends many hours on such tests and others that show how good he is at mathematics, reasoning, map reading, comprehension of written material, dial reading, table reading, and speed of identification.

If he is particularly good at some of the tests and does less well on others, he is assigned to the type of work for which he is best fitted.

Careful selection of the right man for the right job makes it possible to speed up training and get the men into the air over the war area in the shortest possible time.

If a man were trained to be a navigator just because he wanted to do that sort of work, although his talents really fit him for piloting or bombing, the chances are he would never complete the course creditably. He would have to drop out eventually and be replaced by a better qualified man. At the same time he would be using the precious time of instructor and equipment for which some other man is waiting.

CAREFUL PLACEMENT

The army does not want failures in training. They want to put each man where he will make good and will make good fast.

The famous team of pilot-navigator-bombardier that are writing history in the skies over Germany, the Aleutians or the South Sea Islands are not all alike in their personalities or talents. They supplement each other. They dovetail.

Precision bombing requires speed and accuracy. When you drop a bomb from a very high altitude, even a tiny error will make the bomb fall far wide of its mark. That means precious ammunition is wasted. It means prolonging the war.

But when you are bombing from very low altitudes, the target zips past your field of view at tremendous speed that makes quick and accurate aiming essential.

The bombardier must use the secret bomb sight. This is an instrument which can be set and automatically performs all the computations and adjustments necessary to put the bomb on the target. The bombardier must be able to operate over a score of switches, and watch numerous in-



Foretaste of flight is given aviation cadets by new psychological tests being developed by U.S. army scientists. Upper left picture shows a cadet working joystick and rudder bar in response to flashing light signals to determine his co-ordination of the movements of his hands and feet. Teetering on a loose board (upper right) a cadet is being tested for hand steadiness and fear of heights. Speed of decision is tested (above) when the cadet must operate the correct control in response to flashing light combinations.

struments estimating drift, wind, altitude and speed.

If he fails in doing all this with precision, in spite of all the breath-taking distractions and hazards of combat above the earth's firm ground, the entire bombing mission will be for nothing.

PILOT RESPONSIBILITIES

The pilot must control a plane travelling at speeds that he has never before encountered. He must know what to do if a part of his plane is disabled. He must be able to fight off enemy attacks

or to evade them. He must be able to take upon himself a tremendous amount of responsibility when he takes off in a large bomber worth thousands of dollars and heavily loaded with high explosives. A misjudgment might cost many lives.

The navigator must be able to find the target and guide the plane safely home. How many planes fail to find their targets is a military secret, but it is recognized that the job of the navigator is an extremely important one. He must know many types of

navigation and know what to do when one fails. He must be able to use the radio beacon, the radio direction finder, and radio bearings. But when there is radio silence he must find his way without radio aids.

He must know how to determine his position and his course by the stars. But on a cloudy night or in "pea soup" he must know which way to turn.

He must know dead reckoning, which is the method of finding your position from a record of the distances traveled after each change in direction, beginning with the last known position. And he must know how to find his way by observing landmarks and following a map.

TEST FLIERS' QUALITIES

All these flying officers must be able to read understandingly all the difficult material that they must master in their profession. They must be good at elementary mathematics and at understanding mechanical devices and diagrams. They must be able to read maps and weather reports. They must be good leaders of men.

Finally, they must have good judgment. The navigator who had poor judgment would never be able to find the objective. The bombardier who had poor judgment would not be able to place the deadly missiles accurately on the target. The pilot who had poor judgment might take all hands crashing to their death.

The qualifying examination which picks men who can meet these demands and screens out those who would waste training time and eventually wash out is not exactly an easy test.

Report On Agricultural Rehabilitation

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WHEN THE PUBLIC of Canada recognize that agricultural production is a public utility they will likely become intolerant of waste and poor economy in the industry of farming. Agricultural history has shown that the average small holder cannot afford to purchase and maintain the equipment required in the production of certified milk. The average small holder in any phase of the livestock production business cannot afford to employ the veterinary assistance that will insure that his livestock products are free from the diseases transmissible to man. He is not in a position to feed and handle in such a way that will insure that all products are wholesome.

Maximum health in farm animals is the only insurance that meat, milk and eggs contain their requisite quota of minerals and vitamins. Likewise, the losses through plant diseases and insect pests are usually greater in the case of the small holder, largely because he cannot afford to establish the necessary selection and foundation seed plots, he is seldom in a position to seek and find the best seed available, and he is not in a position to operate economically the spray machinery and other equipment required.

Of perhaps even greater importance is the maintenance of the soil fertility upon which his own and the future of Canada as a nation depends. The small holder can seldom acquire and use economically the quantities of lime, phosphate and other fertilizers upon which the permanence of agriculture depends. Furthermore, power farming is here to stay, not because the farmer has lost faith in the horse, but only because the horse cannot compete with the high power tractor in economic production. The costs of land clearing have been reduced from \$100 to \$10 per acre by modern machinery. Postwar agriculture is likely to demand the establishment of large estates as a guarantee of permanence in agricultural production and to reduce the hazard of exploitation.

EXPLOITATION OF SMALL HOLDERS

The advertising caption of real estate agents "10 acres and independence" is only one form of exploitation of farm lands. Although it will always be much easier to sell \$30 an acre land at \$100 when divided into 10-acre parcels, the injury to agriculture does not cease with the real estate deal. After the small holders are established it is much easier for purchasers of agricultural products to exploit their

market than to exploit the market of large producers.

Collective bargaining has been attempted among small holders, but in practice their marketing schemes have seldom been successful. When producers maintain a successful collective marketing scheme, the organization is usually dominated by a group of large producers. Small holdings are bought and sold at prices that have no relation to their productive capacity, but the sale and purchase price of large estates is usually based somewhat upon their earning power, thereby insuring continuity and permanence in their management.

It is needless to discuss whether the large production units of post-war agriculture should be privately or publicly owned. Since the maintenance of soil fertility is a national requirement if Canada is to continue indefinitely as a great nation, it is clear that land operators either under government lease or private ownership, may be obliged to increase the size of their holdings in order to maintain the productivity of the soils they operate.

DIVISION OF CROWN LANDS

Although the period of free homesteads is practically past, large quantities of crown lands have yet to be sold or leased. Post-war agriculture is likely to demand that regardless of whether these lands are sold or leased, they be divided into sufficiently large lots so that they may be economically cleared and farmed by sound economic methods. The probability of a great increase in the power and the size of farm machinery alone requires a very great increase in the average size of the farm holdings in Canada.

When such notable authorities as Sir Daniel Hall predict that in Great Britain the government may be forced to purchase a great part of its agricultural land in order to establish 1,000 to 5,000-acre estates, the range of size that he considers can be economically managed, then it is folly for the provincial and federal governments to continue their practice of selling 160 acres as a unit, especially in districts of low fertility or rainfall.

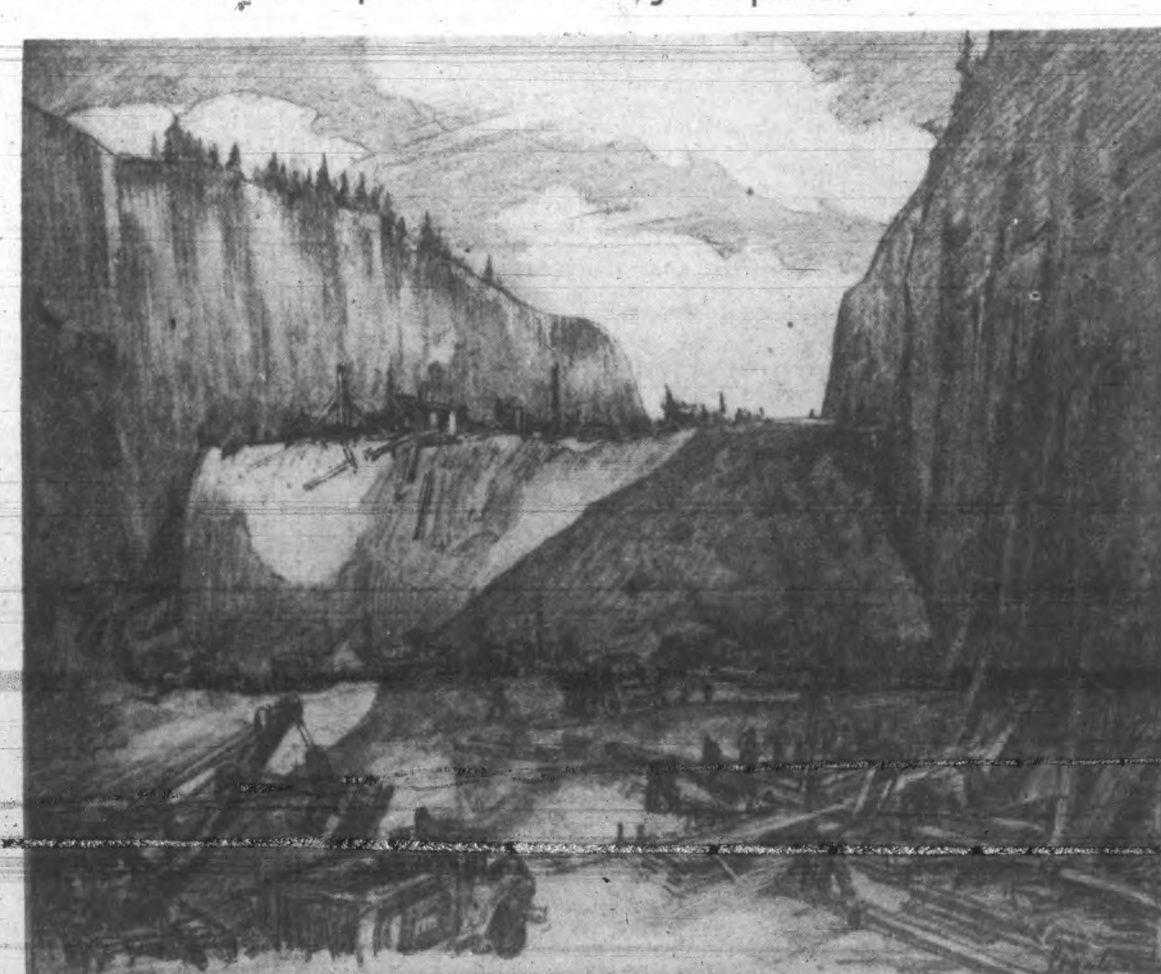
To abolish the right to live on a small parcel of land in the country is quite another problem. To insure the permanence of urban residential districts, every city has recognized the right of the majority in any community to introduce restrictions upon buildings, size of lot and maintenance. At the other end of the town slums are often allowed to remain, carrying with them the hazards of ill health and crime. If people want to live a life of insecurity and want in rural districts, then they may do so, providing they do not interfere or disturb the permanence, stability and character of the rural districts which demand a permanent system of agriculture. The charter of Canadian agriculture may contain a clause that gives to any rural community the majority right to establish minimum size farm holdings and minimum restrictions upon the character of farm buildings and dwellings.

PLANNING NEW FARMS

One of the most difficult tasks in the realignment of the agricultural industry of Canada will be the breaking of the prejudice of custom. The present war has proven that the old line generals and politicians are exceedingly reluctant to abolish tactics and old line equipment even in the face of absolute and tragic evidence. The appointment of keen, intelligent and young generals and statesmen has proven to be the only practical method of effecting reform. Young minds are more frequently free from the prejudices of the past and the vision of young eyes is usually forward. These young men are now taking over the control of the armed forces. Postwar agriculture is not likely to forget the costly lessons of war.

If the young men now in the fighting forces find that the agricultural directors and key men belong in general to the age bracket of 50 to 65 and hold their positions largely because of long and faithful service, there probably will be a considerable turnover of old directors and key men. It is obvious that young men have everything to gain through the establishment of a permanent system of agriculture and often young men only have the courage and virility to attack the deep-rooted prejudice that a farmer always lives and, therefore, need not prosper.

Canada's Million-Horsepower Dam Nearing Completion



A million-horsepower—and more—will flow from Canada's new giant power project, depicted in this artist's conception, which is now nearing completion in record time "somewhere in Canada." More than 10,000 men have worked on the dam during the peak periods, and the work is being pushed to a finish on a 24-hour schedule.

Remodeling, Patching Top England's Fashion News

By ROSETTE HARGROVE
LONDON.

A LOT OF HIDDEN talent is expected to be brought to light by England's new "Make-do and Mend" campaign. Instead of treating restrictions on clothing and other essentials as mere vexations with which she has to cope, the British housewife should find satisfaction in thrift for her own sake and for the national war effort.

In the easy-going pre-war days, England was a land of shop-goers as well as shopkeepers. Household economy and thrift were practiced in every other European country, but here cheap mass production had killed nearly all incentive to home dress-making or even bothering to patch and mend.

But present conditions have placed entirely different emphasis on thrift. In fact, for most Englishwomen, smartness now can be achieved only through the exercise of this virtue plus a lot of ingenuity.

A recent "Make-do and Mend" exhibition in London showed how something could be evolved out of even the oldest and apparently unusable garment. Examples ranged from grandfather's 40-year-old evening suit or topcoat to father's shrunken, once-white flannel trousers.

Grandfather's "tails" which, by the way, were made of the most supple black broadcloth, fashioned a smart two-piece dress. The black satin lining produced a



Here are two suggestions from the "Make-do and Mend" exhibition in London. The child's outfit has been fashioned from a man's ragged shirt and a woman's worn slacks. The young woman is holding two serviceable blouses which she made from the lining and interlining of an otherwise useless evening coat.



long-sleeved blouse and so did the black and white striped silk interlining, for this is how men's evening clothes were built 40 years ago.

The demonstration also showed practical examples of the possibilities for making children's

clothes from the grown-ups' cast-offs. However old or moth-eaten, knitted wool suits, cardigans, dresses, and sweaters can be raveled and remade into all sorts of things, from a cosy, long-sleeved new top for a 10-year-old's outgrown wool nightgown to "craw-

lers" for babies and sweater sets for every age. This is one answer to the problem of clothes rationing for rapidly growing children. Everybody now realizes that pre-war all-wool clothes are more precious than a good many of our other, more prized, peacetime

possessions. This applies also to silk and cottons. Men's discarded shirts make charming blouses for mother or tub frocks for daughter, according to her age. Even a much-worn silk dress can be utilized as an inner lining for extra warmth. Many women now are exercising their wits to find the best ways of using worn-out silk stockings which litter bureau drawers.

How to make use of those old-fashioned shoulder-high kid gloves which salvage drives have unearthed from attic trunks was found by a home front creator a little while ago. They make fascinating, cuddly animals for young children with comparatively little labor. Fingers and thumbs stuffed with cotton become legs and tails and even elephant trunks, while the wide part of the glove is good for all types of bodies.

Thus clothes and accessories which moth, age and dirt have caused to be discarded can, with ingenuity, soap, and homework, be converted into useful numbers of wartime wardrobes.

When women can remember that it takes as much wool to equip and maintain one soldier as it would to clothe 10 civilians, that a parachute calls for more than 60 yards of silk, that valuable shipping space must be diverted to the transporting of raw materials from various parts of the world, risking men's lives in submarine-infested seas, they will know that "making-do" is something to be proud of.

Simple Pleasures and Joys Keynote of Christmas, 1942

By THELMA CRAIG

Dear Children: Instead of writing you to spend Christmas with me this year, I'm writing to ask you to stay at home. I want to see you just as much as ever, but 87 miles are a long way to walk and I would feel very guilty and unpatriotic if I asked you to do anything which would mean using the trains or buses, or driving the car that you have put away in the garage for the duration.

I love you dearly but I know that the railroads and buses have more important things to do this Christmas than bring you to see your Grandmother. They're moving troops across the country to embarkation points and taking furloughed boys home for what may be their last visit in many months. They're carrying fathers and mothers to camps for a final look at Johnny before he sails. And they're transporting men on important business missions connected with the production of tanks and planes and ships.

I hope you won't mind but I didn't buy you any new things for Christmas. I know that you have plenty of clothes to keep you warm and plenty of all of the other things you really need. I know that people who go in for buying quantities of goods this Christmas that they can get along without, are helping to reduce the supply of available goods. For we can't use up valuable materials and men to turn out pretty clothes and doo-dads we can get along without and at the same time turn out guns and planes in sufficient numbers to beat a man like Hitler. I know that if those of us who have plenty of the things we really need do not make them go as far as possible, and last as long as possible, we are taking from those who are going to actually have to have clothes and household equipment and other things now or later.

That wouldn't be doing things in the spirit of Christmas, would it?

To tell you the truth, my dear children, it doesn't seem right to me for those of us in this country to gorge ourselves and give expensive gifts this Christmas when half the world's children won't have any stockings to hang up and half the world's people will be cold and hungry and going nowhere for Christmas and wishing not for a lighted Christmas tree or a plum pudding but for us to send over a fleet of bombers. Somehow, I don't think there'll be any Christmas sleigh-bells jingling in smoldering Stalingrad or any little boys hanging up their stockings in Tunisia, or any "Silent Night, Holy Night" coming from church bells in the South Seas.

Instead of inviting you for Christmas, my darlings, I'm asking three lads from the air base and three girls from the munitions factory to eat the turkey with me, so you see I won't be lonely. But for the first time in 40 years, I'm not having a lighted Christmas tree. Just a couple of lighted candles on the table. I'm giving them made-over presents. You'll remember the pale blue sweater you discarded, Mary, a year or two ago. I unraveled it and had it dyed and then knit over to fit one of the girls. I happen to know her family's not very well fixed.

Well, here's a merry Christmas, my children. And why don't you buy another Victory bond or some War Savings Stamps with the money you would have spent coming home? I'll be hoping that we can all have Christmas together another year and that the whole world will be free to celebrate "Peace on earth, good-will to men." And now, like Tink Tim, I want to say "God bless you everyone."

Your loving Grandma.
P.S.—Oh, if my little grandson is disappointed because I didn't send him an electric train, you tell him it has gone to knock Hitler off the track.

Read Recipes Carefully Learn These Terms

By LAURA C. PEPPER
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EVERY TRADE and every craft has its own tools and, to a certain extent, its own language which, to the uninitiated, may be at times almost unintelligible. As a plumber speaks of gaskets and T joints and a motor mechanic of differentials and spark plugs so, in the kitchen, there are terms in common use whose significance is often not fully understood by the new homemaker and, indeed, by women who have kept house for many years.

The Home Economists in Canada's kitchens in the Consumer Section of the Dominion Department of Agriculture realize from letters that come in to the department that many kitchen tragedies are the result of misinterpretation or misunderstanding of directions rather than faulty recipes.

The inexperienced housekeeper is often puzzled by baking directions which say "about 40 minutes in a moderate oven," or, "approximately half an hour," and wonder why baking and roasting times can't be given definitely. The reason for this is that in the case of cakes, puddings, etc., the size and shape of the utensil used will affect, to some extent, the time required for baking. For example, a cake baked in a large pan with the batter one inch deep will bake more quickly than the same amount of the same mixture baked in a smaller pan where the batter is perhaps two inches deep;

if the batter is baked as individual cakes the time required for baking will be considerably shortened. Similarly, muffins baked in the large sized muffin tins will take a few minutes longer than if baked in smaller tins. In the case of meat or fish the shape and thickness of the piece will affect the time of cooking.

In some recipes oven temperature is indicated by the words slow, moderate or hot. These terms can be translated into degrees Fahrenheit as follows; and by the way, a reliable oven thermometer represents a small investment that pays big dividends in better baking results.

Very slow oven.....200-250 degrees
Slow.....250-300 degrees
Moderately slow.....300-325 degrees
Moderate.....325-375 degrees
Moderately hot.....375-400 degrees
Hot.....400-450 degrees
Very hot.....450-500 degrees

Some other common cookery terms that are often not clearly understood follow:

SHORTENING
Shortening is a general term that includes any fat used in baking, so called because it makes the product "short" or tender. Butter, lard or vegetable fats are all "shortenings" and any of these may be used where shortening is specified in a recipe.

OVEN POACHING
Dishes such as custards and soufflés, in which eggs are a principal ingredient, are oven-poached in order that an evenly low temperature may be maintained.

This simply means setting the dish to be baked in a larger pan, containing hot water, before placing it in the oven.

BROIL AND GRILL

These are synonymous terms which indicate cooking under or over direct intense heat. The food is placed on a rack or pan so that any fat which is extracted may escape. Chops or steaks may be pan-broiled or grilled. To do this a heavy frying pan is heated, the meat put in, turned frequently during cooking and fat is poured off as it accumulates.

BLANCH

When applied to fruits or nuts, this process is used to facilitate the removal of the skin. (This will take 10 to 15 minutes if the milk is poured into the freezing tray of the refrigerator). Heat grated rind, juice and sugar, cook 2 minutes. Add well beaten egg yolks or whole egg and cook till thickened about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Chill. Whip milk in a cold bowl till stiff. Add

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These Sugar-saving Sauces Tested In Government Kitchen

THE CONSUMER SECTION,

Dominion Department of Agriculture, has done some experimenting with sugar saving sauces and has developed a number of new sauces that will serve, not only at Christmas, but in many gulches the year around.

Orange Cream Sauce

Two egg yolks or 1 whole egg, ¼ cup sugar, grated rind and juice of 1 small orange or 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind and 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 cup evaporated milk.

Chill evaporated milk until ice crystals begin to form. (This will take 10 to 15 minutes if the milk is poured into the freezing tray of the refrigerator). Heat grated rind, juice and sugar, cook 2 minutes. Add well beaten egg yolks or whole egg and cook till thickened about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Chill. Whip milk in a cold bowl till stiff. Add

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cooked mixture to the whipped milk and blend with egg beater. Makes 2½ to 3 cups sauce. This makes a rich sauce that is delicious with plum pudding, plain steamed or cottage puddings or as a topping for plain cake.

Foamy Sauce

One tablespoon cornstarch, ¼ cup white sugar or ½ cup brown sugar, 1 cup boiling water, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon lemon rind, 1 egg white.

Combine cornstarch and sugar. Add boiling water gradually. Cook 15 minutes in the top of a double boiler, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat, add butter, lemon juice and rind and stir till blended. Add mixture slowly to stiffly beaten egg white, stirring vigorously. Serve hot or cold with plum puddings, spice or fruit puddings. If using brown sugar, the lemon rind and juice may be replaced with ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Cherry Sauce

Two tablespoons cornstarch, 1 teaspoon butter, 1 cup warm water, 1 cup juice from canned cherries, ½ teaspoon almond extract.

Combine cornstarch and butter, add water gradually, bring to a boil and cook, stirring constantly until thick. Add cherry juice and simmer 10 minutes. Add extract. Yield 2 cups. Serve hot or cold.

If serving cold use only 1 tablespoon cornstarch for thickening. If unsweetened cherry juice is used, add ¼ cup sugar to the recipe. Mix sugar with cornstarch and proceed as directed above. This sauce is delicious with Christmas pudding and may be made a day or two in advance as the flavor improves on standing. It may also be served cold, with blanc mange.

Honey Butter Sauce

Two tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, ½ cup liquid honey, 1 egg white, slightly beaten.

Cream butter and sugar, add honey and egg white and blend all ingredients well together. Makes ½ cup sauce. This is a rich sauce with a butterscotch flavor. A less rich sauce may be made using 1 tablespoon butter and 1 tablespoon brown sugar. It is delicious with ice cream or plain boiled rice and may be served with plain steamed or baked puddings.

Hot Fluffy Chocolate Sauce

One square unsweetened chocolate, grated, 1 cup milk, 1 tablespoon flour, ¼ cup sugar, pinch salt, 1 tablespoon butter, ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Add chocolate to milk and heat in the top of a double boiler. When chocolate is melted beat with egg beater until mixture is smooth and blended. Mix flour, sugar and salt with a small amount of milk mixture. Add to

Teen Age Make-up and Grooming No Problem If Handled Wisely

By ALICIA HART

SIMPLE good grooming technique should be as natural and matter-of-fact for a girl of 12 as for her mother. A youngster who has been guided properly does not have to be reminded to wash her hands before coming to the table or to scrub her neck and elbows before going to bed.

A wise mother will handle the question of make-up smoothly enough to prevent its becoming an issue. In the first place, if you daughter's classmates use lipstick, that's a pretty real reason for her following suit—unless she is the very rare youngster who wants to be "different." Most normal youngsters want, decidedly, not to be "different," and modern experts advise against trying to make a "teen-ager" follow

standards different from those of her "crowd."

YOUNGSTERS HAVE BEAUTY STANDARDS, TOO

However, it might be well to keep her informed of countrywide standards for girls of her age—to keep her informed, for instance, that the very young girl in most towns wears lipstick lightly, wears eye make-up never, but does brush her brows and lashes regularly and brushes them with cream or oil for a party.

"She uses face powder designed especially for her young skin, and a mild cream or powder deodorant after her bath. She creams lips, hands and wrists frequently—and, of course, brushes her hair thoroughly three or four times a week.

Removing Skin Blemishes Doctor's Business—Not Yours

MOLES were so highly regarded

in the days of the French kings that making artificial moles of court-plaster was a thriving business. And "beauty-marks" are still admired today when they are small, and call attention to a pretty feature.

However, some moles are displeasing to the eye, and some are danger signals. Growing knowledge of these facts has led many people to regard all moles as blemishes, and to seek to remove them—something which is not always wise.

When a mole shows signs of growth, you should consult the very best skin specialist you can. This kind of mole probably should be removed, but only as the doctor orders. Moles which detract from your looks may be removed also, but again only on the doctor's advice.

Smooth, blue-black moles may

be dangerous. If you have one which is subject to irritation by clothes, particularly collars or belts or shoes, you should consult the doctor about it, whether or not it looks unattractive.

MALIGNANT TENDENCIES

This kind of mole may have a tendency to become malignant. Where treatment is necessary, it may involve cutting out some distance from the mole's borders. Of course, the relative infrequency of such moles developing dangerously is indicated by the fact that there's hardly an individual alive who has no moles.

For that reason, it is wise to have them checked, for if the mole is innocuous you should know that, too. Which leads me to repeat: Only the specialist should advise you about any particular mole.

Measuring Hints Which Help Every Housewife



1. For using care in measuring ingredients. Perfect results depend to a large extent on accurate measuring, and guesswork means waste of precious foodstuffs. The pictures above bring out some important measuring points.

1. A pint of milk, Canadian measure, contains not 2 cups but 2½ cups, while a Canadian quart

contains 40 ounces, or 5 standard measuring cups. For accuracy in measuring, the cup should be held at eye-level.

2. In measuring honey, molasses or syrup, the cup should first be greased lightly. The syrup will then pour readily and none will stick to the sides of the cup.

3. The cold water method of measuring fat is quick and accu-

rate, and no fat will be lost inside the cup. To measure, say ½ cup fat, ½ cup cold water is measured first then fat is added and submerged till the water has risen to the 1 cup level. The water is then poured off. It is important that all the fat be below the surface of the water.

4. Flour should always be sifted once before measuring. In this

picture, a cup of unsifted flour was measured, then it was sifted and remeasured. The flour on the paper was the surplus after sifting. Flour packs down very readily and it should be spooned lightly into the cup and never be shaken down. The surface of the cup should be leveled with a

knife.

remaining milk mixture, return to fire, and cook till smooth and thickened, stirring constantly.

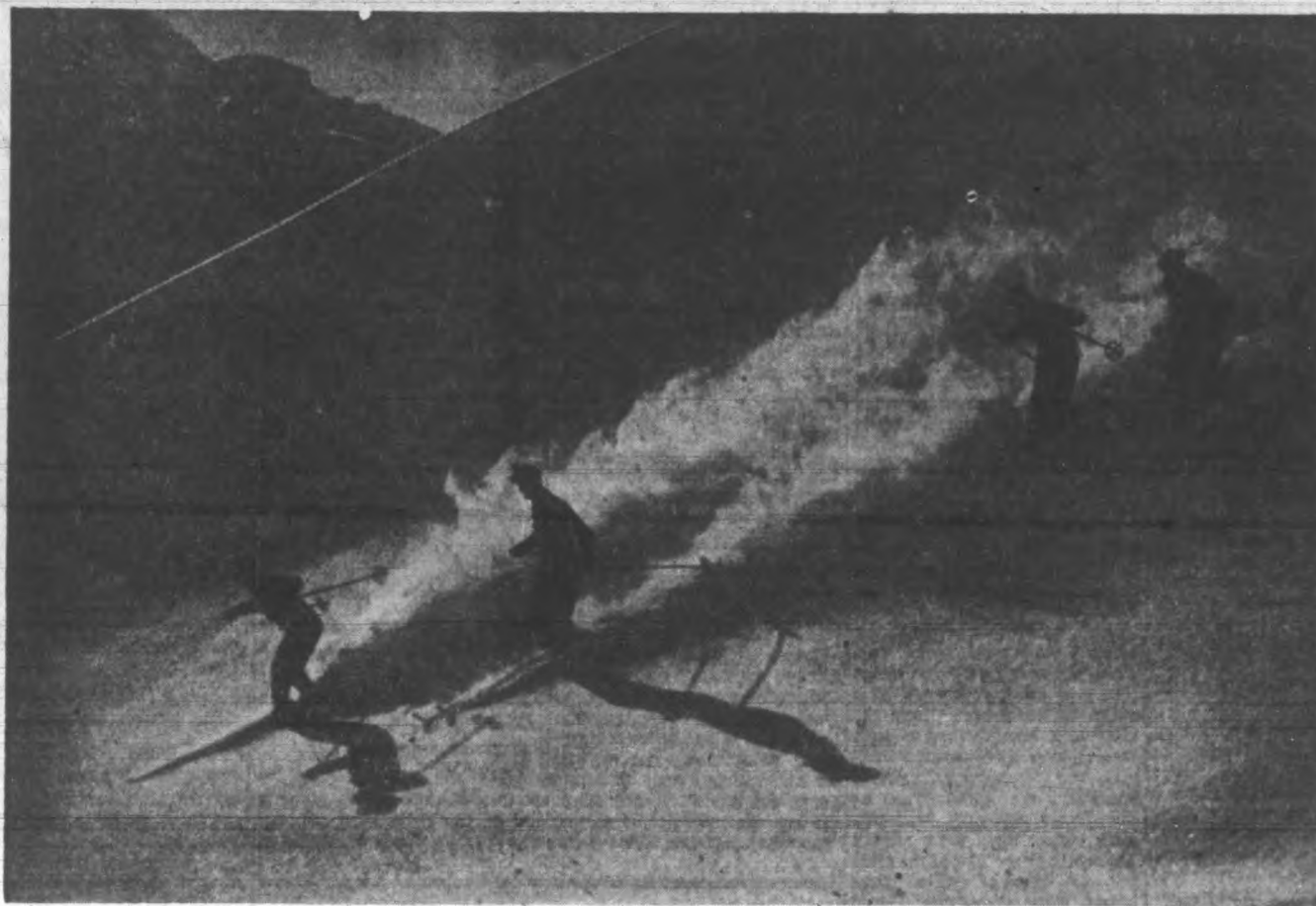
Combine sugar and flour, add water, stirring constantly until smooth and thickened. Remove from fire, add orange juice and rind and pour mixture over the stiffly beaten egg white. Blend well and serve immediately. Makes approximately 1½ cups. This sauce may be served cold but needs to be beaten slightly before serving as it may separate on standing.

Fluffy Sauce
Two tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon flour, 1 egg white, beaten, ½ cup water, 2 tablespoons

orange juice, 1 teaspoon orange rind.

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Two tablespoons sugar, 1 table-



There's still time for play in Switzerland's peaceful mountains. But the winter tourists of former years are conspicuously absent. Even the Swiss have curtailed winter sports. Rationing and war work have hit the cantons, too. Refugees crowd the country, adding new problems.



Beauty and peace in the shadow of the Matterhorn. The sports train still climbs up to the great snow fields of Reffelaip.

Europe's Island of Christmas Peace

By MARIE WIDMER

FOR THE FOURTH consecutive time Christmas will find Europe at war, torn and bleeding from countless wounds. Forgotten seems the angelic message "Peace on earth and good will toward men," forgotten, too, the very fact that the symbolic Christmas tree had its beginning on this ancient and enlightened continent.

Yet, in the midst of this chaos of darkness and suffering there rises an island of peace: Switzerland, angel of mercy among war sufferers, haven of refuge for many of its unfortunate victims.

It is not by sheer good luck that this tiny 651-year-old democracy has so far been spared from actual warfare. Switzerland, the same as in 1914, was prepared. Her splendidly trained citizen army of some 600,000 men was completely mobilized by Sept. 1, 1939. Partial demobilization took place after June, 1940, but about one-third of the force keeps incessant watch along the frontier and at given strategic points. These men are periodically relieved by others, so that all have a chance to return to their civilian occupations at intervals. Employers duly co-operate.

Without Switzerland's charitable activities the world's confusion and the sufferings of thousands upon thousands of persons would be far greater than they are. Without Switzerland's excellent services as diplomatic intermediary between many of the Allied and Axis nations, world affairs would be in a sorry plight.

Through the International Red Cross at Geneva, Switzerland acts as connecting link between prisoners and victims of war of all nations and their respective families. This Swiss-conceived institution now has expanded to several buildings at Geneva and to many towns throughout Switzerland. Men and women in all walks of life are proud to volunteer in their spare hours. Of a total force of some 5,200 there are only 700 modestly salaried employees. Steadily the work is growing. Letters, telegrams, personal inquiries and packages pour in in overwhelming numbers. The mere fact that on July 8, 1942, the Central Information Bureau for Prisoners of

War received 85,520 letters and sent out 161,229 serves as an illustration of the gigantic proportions this task has assumed.

Switzerland, on top of her own heavy mobilization expenses, and in spite of her greatly diminished revenues, is assuming 75 per cent of the cost for doing this work. In addition to this tremendous labor of love, Switzerland is also providing vacations of three months each for all yearly quota of 40,000 underfed child victims of war.

Landlocked, strictly rationed Switzerland thus stands heroically in the centre of war-torn Europe, always doing good unto others. With a great peace in her heart that comes from doing charitable deeds, she will therefore observe Christmas, the feast of good will toward men, as has been her age-old custom.

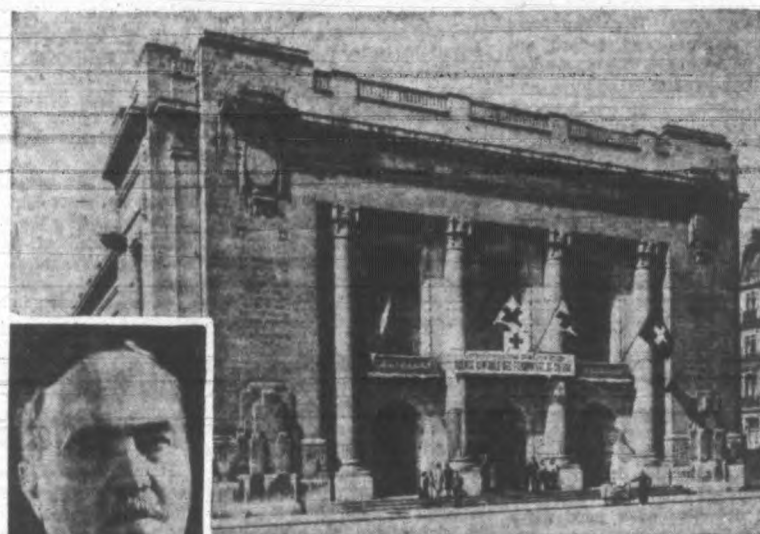
On Dec. 6, birthday of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, who in the 11th century gave presents to the poor yearly on that day, Swiss children will celebrate the coming of Santa Claus. Customs vary in different cantons, but everywhere a kindly be-whiskered Santa Claus makes the rounds. Behind him march the happy youngsters, many wearing illuminated headgear, cowbells and quaint costumes.

And everywhere, where Swiss soldiers are keeping watch, the Swiss Soldiers' Welfare Organization, dating back to 1914, has seen to it that the men, even in the remotest spots, have a tree and several nice gifts.

At no time of the year is Switzerland lovelier than during the Christmas season. It is a symphony in white with a sapphire sky stretching over regal mountains, sparkling snowfields and glistening ice rinks. While there will again be no foreign paying guests to enjoy Swiss winter splendor and its accompanying galaxy of sports, the thousands of child victims of war and other unfortunates who are being cared for in Switzerland will rejoice over being in Switzerland at Christmas time. And the Swiss people themselves, in accordance with their government's desire, will take advantage of winter's bountiful gifts to keep fit.



Border guards protect Swiss neutrality. The entire army of 600,000 was mobilized in 1939, but in 1940 two-thirds of the force was relieved from active duty. Gen. Henri Guisan, inset, commands the Swiss army.



Home of the Red Cross in Geneva. The Central Information Bureau for prisoners of war is maintained here. Both Allied and Axis prisoners receive the same consideration. Dr. Max Huber, insert, is president of the international organization.



Aiding war prisoners is one of Switzerland's most important wartime jobs. Sponsored by the International Red Cross, this organization forwards mail, provides information for relatives.



Christmas saints crowd the streets of Swiss villages in annual Santa Claus party. Boys parade in athletic headgear.



Christmas card scene, with Nature as the artist. The quiet of this tiny Alpine village is undisturbed by bombs, and the roar of guns.



Vacation farmers from the public schools help harvest crops. Partial mobilization of Switzerland's army created a serious manpower shortage.

British People Keep Healthy Largely On Vegetable Diet

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THE AIM OF OUR rationing system has been to provide a sufficient and healthy diet with the least possible expenditure of manpower and shipping. Its nutritive value has been carefully calculated to satisfy actual needs. But it is very unlike the accustomed diet of those people who enjoyed good or moderate incomes before the war. Even our poorest consumers are getting only half the quantity of sugar that they were accustomed to buy.

The richer classes are getting only a third of what they formerly used. But this is probably a positive benefit, for our peacetime sugar consumption was actually too high for full health. The poorest group were, of course, small meat-eaters before the war, and the present meat ration is nearly 90 per cent of their accustomed amount. But the ration is only 40 per cent of what the well-to-do were accustomed to eat. It was, however, long known that health can be maintained on a vegetarian diet. Perhaps fat supplies provide the lowest margin of safety, for here again the poor have less than their pre-war consumption. The richest group are eating about 40 per cent less fat, and, of course, oleomargarine has largely replaced butter. Consumption of eggs, fruit and many other semi-luxury foods has also been heavily rationed.

To make up for these various deficiencies, people can eat more bread, which is not rationed; and the National loaf is much more nutritious than the white bread of peacetime. They can have more potatoes, and, indeed, are now being urged to eat as many potatoes as possible, so as to save other foods. They can have all the oatmeal and usually all the carrots and green vegetables that they want.

But perhaps most important is the fact that all except the very richest classes are consuming more milk than they did in time of peace. The present ration,

which has been placed within reach of the poorest, is two or three times as much as the very poor used to be able to buy. The skill and knowledge of the nutritionists who have planned our war-time diet have been amply proved. The high general standard of health is one of the most striking things about war-time Britain. You here in Canada may be called upon, before we win through the war, to submit to much more severe rationing and food restriction than those now in force. On the British experience there is really nothing to fear about this. It is surprisingly easy to be frugal, once you get into the habit of frugality. This must be true, for folk who eat very plainly are often just as happy as those who eat very well—and a good deal happier than those who eat too well. There are many things that we can easily live without, provided that the deprivations are planned by scientists who know what they are about.

BIGGER PROBLEM

Turning to the end of the war, which, indeed, may still be some way off, we must expect a still bigger and more urgent food problem than that which faces us now. We cannot say how big it will be. Probably a good many more Poles and Greeks will be beyond our help when peace comes. But there may be anything up to five hundred million people in more or less grave need of food. Moreover, it will take time—at least one year and more probably two—to restore the neglected and impoverished fields of Europe to something approaching normal productivity. Producers in Britain and America will have to go on producing at a high level, and consumers will have to keep tight belts, for some time after the Armistice. I think the probability is that all the wheat in Canada and the United States will be badly needed. The surplus sugar that is piled up in other places will be needed. Every stockpile of food throughout the world will be wanted if we are to save the world from famine. And then what? Must we look forward to another miserable

time such as followed the last war? Must we prepare for another 1932? Or can we manage things better as a result of our former painful experiences?

I think there are reasonable grounds for hope. Many economists think that the main trouble, last time, arose from war-time inflation. So far, we are doing better in that respect. Costs of living today are only about 50 per cent of the level that was reached in the fourth year of World War I. Prices have risen much less, and they have not so far to fall.

Other economists put down a great part of our troubles, in the thirties, to the effect of the attempts to repay international debts. Various countries tried seriously to pay off their debts, and had no money to buy goods, so that international trade shriveled up. Probably a wiser arrangement may be made for the future.

But to me there is something more important than either of these two things. Most countries are beginning to see that it is a national duty to see that their peoples are fed. "Freedom from Want" is in the Atlantic Charter. Let us calculate the real food needs of our peoples and so plan that these will be satisfied. Then we shall find little surplus production. And if the farmer can produce more, and can sell what he produces at a fair and reasonable price, he will be a buyer of manufactured goods upon a big scale, and prosperity will spread from the farms to the towns.

A strong drive will certainly be made, after this war, to make "Freedom from Want" a reality. It is in the interest of farmers to support the idea. It is also in the interest of plain folk everywhere. It is in the interests of all humanity because it would remove the only real excuse for war.

(This is the second part of a speech Professor Watson recently delivered before the Victoria and Island branch of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists.)



By E.L.F.

In many Victoria gardens, at this season of the year, you will find a low-growing, olive green plant, covered with clusters of dainty star-shaped flowers. The botanical name for this little plant is *Helleborus*, but the name we commonly know and love it by is Christmas Rose.

There's a story surrounding the Christmas Rose. A story veiled in the mists of legend. A wisp of fantasy, perhaps, come down to us over the arches of the years, to draw us just a little nearer to the real meaning of Christmas.

It tells of a tiny shepherd boy, on that night when the Bethlehem Star shone bright on the earth, bravely followed the Wise Men—for he, too, was eager to see the newborn King. He plodded every step of the long, weary way on foot and came finally to the low doorway of a stable in Bethlehem where the Wise Men knelt before a Babe, cradled in a straw-covered manger. The little lad crept inside to kneel with the others. Then he saw that their hands held rich gifts which they were placing reverently at the foot of the manger. He looked at his own grimy hands. They were empty. Even his shepherd's crook had been lost on the long, hard way. He couldn't kneel before the Babe for he had no gift. Tears welled in his eyes, rolled down his dusty cheeks and dropped on the straw-covered floor. Weeping bitterly, he stumbled toward the stable, crossed the yard of the inn and huddled down in a corner of the big stone gateway.

Suddenly a soft light poured around him and he saw the shining vision of an angel.

"Why weepest thou?" came a voice of rich sweetness.

"Because I have nothing to give the new born King," sobbed the little boy.

"Look up, shepherd lad!" the soft voice commanded. "Try steadfast heart and unselfish tears have given thee a gift for the King."

The little shepherd stopped weeping and opened his eyes. A bright ray of light stretched from his huddled little body to the door of the lowly stable and in that light, wherever his tears had dropped as he stumbled away from the manger, there now bloomed a pathway of olive green plants, covered with clusters of star-shaped flowers.

"Go back, shepherd lad," the angel whisper urged. "Take these flowers and give them to thy King."

The lad walked back along that pathway of light and as he walked he picked the starry flowers. When he knelt again at the manger, the Babe saw the nodding blossoms and reached for them. Then the little shepherd reverently placed a white flower in His baby fingers.

Since that day, so the story goes, in the gardens of the Holy Land and in many other spots throughout the world, the Christmas Rose blooms at this season, to remind us that the power of unselfish love is truly great. It will surmount unbelievable obstacles and perform miracles—even now, in a war-torn world.

terial starch that actually furnishes the nutrition to the animals.

Chinese Farmers Organize 'Revenge Detachment' After Japs' Vicious Mop-up

NEW YORK—Designed to reduce civilian populations to abject fear, Japan's ruthlessness in warfare, like Germany's, merely sows dragon's teeth of hatred that bear deadly fruit for the invaders.

Latest evidence of that is seen in reports of "Revenge Detachments" of Chinese farmers, received by the United China Relief office here.

These "Revenge Detachments," comprised of thousands of peasants in the border region of northwest China, are now actively fighting with Chinese guerrillas. For their existence, the Japs can thank a large-scale, ruthless mop-up action they launched some time ago against the Wutai-shan region of Shansi province.

"KILL ALL"

With the slogan (according to captured Japanese) of "Kill all, burn all, rob all," some 60,000 Japanese troops, supported by airplanes, indiscriminately scourged villages, civilians, hospitals and Chinese industrial co-operatives. China Relief reports general machine-gunning of civilians who had sought refuge in the countryside. Villages were leveled and harvests either burned or seized for cavalry fodder. In one village the Japs drove 500 people into the mountains and then killed them.



Not very military-looking, but in deadly earnest, are these Chinese farmers, members of one of China's new "Revenge Detachments."

Tales of individual atrocities committed against women, children and the aged are numerous.

Credit for starting the "Revenge Detachments" is given to one of the victims—an old man whose entire family was slain by

the Japs. The vengeful little group of Chinese farmers who rallied to him sparked a movement which has spread throughout the northwest and is giving the Japs cause to regret their savagery.

Garden Notes

By Victoria Horticultural Society

FIELD HUSBANDRY

Straw from grain crops was hauled out and spread on the land on which it was produced. Two methods of application were tried, spreading the straw as it came from the threshed pile and cutting it into short lengths with the ensilage cutter before spreading. The rate of application in both cases was 2.80 tons per acre. The thrasher run-straw required 2.4 hours of manual labor per ton to load and spread while the cut straw required 15.6 hours per acre to plough down as compared with 7.5 hours for the latter.

Manual labor required to spread and plough in uncut straw 18 hours per acre. Manual labor required to cut, spread and plough in cut straw, 10.9 hours per acre. The difference in time of ploughing was due to the uncut straw repeatedly blocking the colter. Three methods for ploughing down the long straw were tried, viz:

1. Team and ordinary walking plough with 10-inch share.
2. The same outfit as above with the assistance of two men to fork the straw into the furrow.
3. Single 16-inch share tractor plough.

Method 1 required 15.6 hours of manual labor per acre; method 2, 20.4 hours and method 3, 3.6 hours per acre. Perfect coverage was obtained by method 2 and 95 per cent by one and three.

If straw is to be ploughed in with a team and ordinary plough, considerable time may be saved by cutting the straw before spreading. The use of a tractor with a single 16-inch share was the most economical of the methods tried for loose straw, as the tractor wheels flatten the straw to the ground and thus overcome the problem of tangling.

The farm buildings have been baited for rats regularly during the year, giving a fair measure of control, but with the advent of wet weather there has been a movement of these rodents from the fields to the buildings. Straw stacks, rubbish heaps and overgrown fence lines provide ideal breeding, feeding and hiding places for rats. All straw, therefore, should be promptly baled or spread on the land as soon as possible after threshing. Rubbish of any nature should be destroyed, and not allowed to accumulate and fence lines should be kept free from excessive growth. These simple measures will assist in keeping down the rat population.

POULTRY

Pullets have been confined to their laying houses for the winter season.

During the laying year the pullets of 1941 were divided into three classes based on eye color. The three classes used were (1) a perfect black pupil and solid reddish-bay iris, (2) a good pupil with a slight variation in iris color, (3) a poor pupil with a cloudy iris. In class (1) of 16 birds, one died, mortality 6.2 per cent, and the average production of the remainder was 14.3 per cent and production of the remainder was 221.0 eggs. In class

Ancestral Whidby Island Farms Taken Over for War Purposes

Farmers in Whidby Island, one of the oldest farming areas in the Pacific northwest are being forced to move out to make room for the navy.

Many Victorians know Whidby Island, for it is just off the main steamer route from this city to Seattle.

Homes where there had been the births and deaths of several generations, barns where thousands of cats have raised their kittens, wheat fields that yielded nationally famous golden grain, meadows where contented dairy cows grazed hock-deep in buttercups, backyards where the startled heads of deer appeared at sunset—all these are going, to make room for the navy.

In their places are the implements of war. In the place of the farms is an air station. Where once cattle roamed down to the waters, there are now shipyards, naval gun schools, supply depots, training camps, survey ranges and radio stations.

In the last year the navy has taken 120,000 acres in this district from approximately 1,000 owners—in all \$7,000,000 worth of land.

War has touched the Whidby people closer, perhaps, than it has touched any other Pacific coast residents, and yet there is no complaining because they realize that to give up this security now means greater security in the future, writes Dorothy Brant in the Seattle Times.

SWINE

History appears to be repeating itself in connection with hog production. In 1939 there was a bumper crop of high quality grain and during the fall and winter of 1939-40 there was a steady and persistent decline in the percentage of grade A hog carcasses.

This year there is another bumper crop of grain, and hog gradings in Ontario for the month of October showed a decline of 1.3 per cent in grade A carcasses and an increase of 1.3 per cent in M.3 carcasses compared with the gradings in September. The percentage of B.1 carcasses was lower in October than September, but only slightly so.

With the exception of one point all grading centres in Ontario have reported that hogs showed more overweight and over finish in October than in previous months and this extra finish is attributed to over-feeding. Last spring and summer farmers were buying most of their hog feed and probably because of the fact it was purchased used it more judiciously. At any rate, the finish of the hogs improved in spite of the fact that the purchased grain was largely western wheat.

But it appears that it is not only in Ontario that hogs are being over fed or over finished. In the three prairie provinces B.3

(3) of 39 birds, 13 died, mortality was 33.3 per cent, and production of the remainder was 188.5 eggs.

and heavy carcasses are now running 16 to 18 per cent of the total gradings as compared with 10 to 12 per cent in August of this year. For the whole of Canada approximately 15 per cent of the hogs marketed are now overweight. Hogs can be fed to a maximum live weight of 220 pounds and beyond that weight not only are the carcasses spoiled to a certain extent for getting the most bacon for Britain, but the farmer loses substantial profits that he could have had, had he not overfed and overfinished.

The largest crop of grapes on record in Canada has been successfully harvested and marketed at an estimate of 74,834,000 pounds, or 59 per cent greater than the 1941 crop, and 69 per cent above the five-year (1936-40) average of 44,319,300 pounds.

The lack of winter protection for young meadows is the most common cause of reduced yields and inferior quality of hay. For every pound of forage taken from the young plants more than 10 pounds is lost in the hay crops. The young plants should completely hide the ground and show a growth of six inches or more before the fall is over.

Agriculturists make a distinction between cereals and grasses, but to botanists such a distinction is impossible because rye, barley, oats, and wheat are grasses as truly as Meadow Fescue, Red Top and Timothy. On the other hand, such plants as Rib Grass, Poverty Grass and Cotton Grass, the botanists state, have none of the characteristics of true grass.

CATTLE

Most dairy farmers go to a lot of trouble to keep their barns clean and airy and their cows clean and healthy—because they know it pays to do so. The principal objective of a good dairy farmer is to produce clean milk. Clean milk production requires dust-free air at milking time. Throwing down hay and cleaning the cows just before milking time all stir up dust which may contaminate the milk. If the stable can't be cleaned out at least half an hour before milking, leave it until after milking. But the manure should be scraped into the gutter and the bedding arranged without stirring up dust.

Milk can readily pick up an objectionable flavor. Strong smelling feeds like turnips or silage should not be fed just before milking and the barn should be kept as free as possible from strong odors.

Clean milk can't be produced unless the cows are kept clean. Brush them daily and keep the udders, flanks and tails clipped. Good dairy farmers wash the udders and flanks before milking and the switch of the cow's tail frequently.

If these suggestions on sanitation are observed, the milking utensils kept thoroughly clean and well sterilized, higher quality milk will be the result—and higher profits, too.

POULTRY

There are well over 9,000,000 more hens and chickens on the farms of Canada now than there were at this time a year ago, so there will probably be more crowding in poultry houses this winter. This means, says Dr. A. E. Cameron, Veterinary Director General for Canada, the danger from fowl typhoid and fowl cholera may be increased. He advises poultry raisers to isolate newly-purchased birds from the home flock for a reasonable time, as a precaution against the spread of the diseases mentioned. Strict sanitation is the most important factor in guarding against them, says Dr. Cameron.

And here is another tip from him to farmers who raise both poultry and swine. Keep the

poultry out of the hog lots, in fact keep them well away from where the hogs are housed. Many hog raisers do not realize the danger to hogs which lies in the type of tuberculosis carried by poultry. Too many hog carcasses are being condemned at the packing plants due to tuberculosis caused by poultry infection, he says. Another good practice is to institute a sound tuberculosis control program in the poultry flock. Advice on how to do this can be obtained from the nearest Dominion health of animals division or from the provincial veterinarian.

Every hog and every hen and chicken is wanted for food these days.

BEAN WEEVILS

All kinds of edible beans are frequently infested when in storage by a small, yellowish-brown beetle about one-eighth inch in length known as the bean weevil. This insect is fairly common in different parts of Canada and is responsible annually for the destruction of large quantities of beans. It lives and feeds in a small chamber within the seed and in most cases there are several of these in a single bean. The beetles usually emerge in the late autumn or winter, when they quickly are noticed by the careful housewife.

Infested seed should never be planted, as that is one of the surest ways of continuing the infestation and contaminating the new crop. As a result, seed known to be infested should always be treated to kill the weevils during the winter months. In the colder parts of Canada this can be very easily done by storing the seed in unheated buildings. All stages of the bean weevil are killed by sub-zero temperatures, so that beans kept in outbuildings during the winter months will be freed of the weevils and may be planted next spring with safety. In those parts of the Dominion where winter temperatures are more moderate, growers will have to resort to fumigation to destroy the weevils. Full directions regarding this method of control may be obtained by writing to Dominion Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

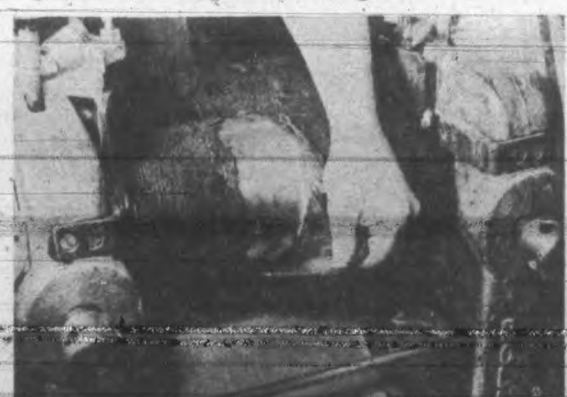
Cattle Get Aid From Bacteria

How cattle and sheep are aided by bacteria in digesting the crude fibre of the grass and fodder they eat has been demonstrated by F. Baker of the Guilford County Technical College in England. Mr. Baker's method is described in a statement from the Science Committee of the British Council, just received here.

Partially-digested materials are removed from the animals' digestive tracts either in the slaughterhouse or from specially-prepared surgical openings in living specimens. Under the polarizing microscope, differences in light direction through the materials indicate digested and undigested parts.

The role of the bacteria is indicated when iodine is added. Where the bacteria are active, purple spots show the presence of starch-like substances, formed within the bacterial cells out of cellulose materials in the crude fibre. Apparently it is this bac-

Soybean to the Front Again



The soybean, that versatile vegetable from China that has supplied us with everything from paint to plastics, steps into the breach with a promising rubber substitute now under experiment at the U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory at Peoria, Ill. Made from soybean oil, this stretchy, bouncy, waterproof stuff, though not the equal of rubber in every respect, may help ease a tight situation and release real rubber for more critical uses. A similar rubber-like substance is being made from corn oil.

As the Year Ends

By NELLIE L. McCLUNG
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IT IS A SURLY black morning, with a wild wind coming down from the Olympic snowfields. It glowers around the house, and twists the naked trees, making them cower and crouch as it eddies around them. It got all their leaves weeks ago and now it seems determined to uproot them. The evergreens across the road know how to deal with wind. They merely sway and roll and bow their heads with grace and dignity, moving but never moved. There is even a slight mockery in this soft reply to the wind's wrath. Once in a while they make a concession by throwing down a few cones, old ones that they were going to drop anyway.

Into this drab picture of a wild winter morning the radio pours its hard rhythm of man's inhumanity to man—murder, pillage and destruction. Sometimes we lament the brevity of life and, sighing, say, that "as for man, his days are as grass," and other times when the burdens are heavy on us we wonder that anyone can live so long in such a world of pain.

SEND BACK BOOKS

The end of the year is a solemn occasion, with plenty to do. There are certain duties which we feel we must perform before the year runs out. We must send back all borrowed books, and take the bad luck off the house which would surely come if we kept anything that didn't belong to us. Oh, what joy there would be in many a household if all those forgotten books were returned! For many years I have made this appeal, hoping some of my own treasures would come in with the mail, and I am still hoping. It is always a matter of surprise that some otherwise honest people have no conscience when it comes to books.

When I got this far in my thinking, four lovely birds flew in out of the storm and took shelter on the grass below my window. They were quite large birds with red on the underside of their wings and a crescent of black on their grey breasts, with red markings on their heads. I watched them picking over the grass, looking for worms, and then suddenly they flew up into a swaying cherry tree with a fine flourish of their strong red wings. It was a small tree into which they flew, and it was bending in the blast, but I could see that they just enjoyed their uncertain footing. It could break if it wanted to—What did they care? They had wings!

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PREPARE FOR RECONSTRUCTION

The Girl Guides in England are prepared to take over reconstruction work in Europe among the women and children, and there is a growing feeling that we should be training hundreds of experts now to take positions in German schools, universities and newspapers as Christian men and women who have faith in the power of God to change hearts. German history must be taught in their schools. We must get them back into the family of nations. We can't go on hating them. The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Stanford Cripps, and many others, are discussing a "reformation" of the church. They believe it has failed to give leadership and see that it must be disestablished, so that it may come more directly into the lives of the people. The world is moving and "out of the desert shall come a gift."

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The volume contains a powerful poem by A. M. Klein, a Jewish lawyer of Montreal. It is called "A Design for a Medieval Tapestry," which once read will never be forgotten. In it he voices the sorrows of his people, and there is no blacker page in history than the treatment of the Jews down the ages. It is no wonder that Jewish writers cannot forget for a moment the horrors of life. One of the stings in Mr. Klein's great poem is that he apparently believes the persecution of the Jews still comes from Christians. Surely he does not think of Hitler as a Christian. He must know that the Christians have fared badly, too, under the Gestapo. But it seems the old molds are hard to break. I quote:

"Simeon takes hints from his environs."
Heaven is God's grimace at us
on high.
This land is a cathedral; speech,
its sermon.
The moon is a rude gargyle in
the sky.
The leaves rustle. Come, who will
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I hope Mr. Klein belongs to the Canadian fellowship of Christians and Jews and reads its monthly bulletin entitled "Fellowship." This little brochure is one of the signs of a better day and makes good reading for all of us.

The younger poets are sad today, hard-bitten and undone. They write of death and sorrowing, frustration and disillusionment, and see no dawn reddening in the east. The anthologist seemed to feel that, too, and so for the last poem he has placed a cheerful bit of free verse by Alan Brown, called "Vernal Frequency," wherein is traced the miracle and mystery of the world's awakening:

"Quivering under choking surfeit
Of new life vibrant in every
inch of air,
New life
Caught up rejoicing by the winter-
sadden heart
On subtle aerols of spring."

I wonder why the young write so much of sorrow and heartbreak. Perhaps it is the same instinct which makes people enjoy a blazing fire more on a stormy night than when the stars are shining. They who have their hands full of strength and their hearts beating high can contemplate life's tragedies with something approaching enjoyment. But when we grow older and we know how brittle life is and how desolate the heart can be, we want someone to show us how to use our wings! George Frederick Scott contributes comforting words in a poem which he calls "Dawn."

"The immortal spirit hath no bars
To circumscribe its dwelling place;
My soul has pastured with the stars
Upon the meadow-lands of space.
My mind and eat at times have caught
From realms beyond our mortal reach
The utterance of Eternal Thought
Of which all nature is the speech.
And high above the seas and lands,
On peaks just tipped with morning light,
My dauntless spirit mutely stands
With eagle wings outspread for flight."

The quality of this little book is well sustained. Let us distribute it. It speaks for Canada.

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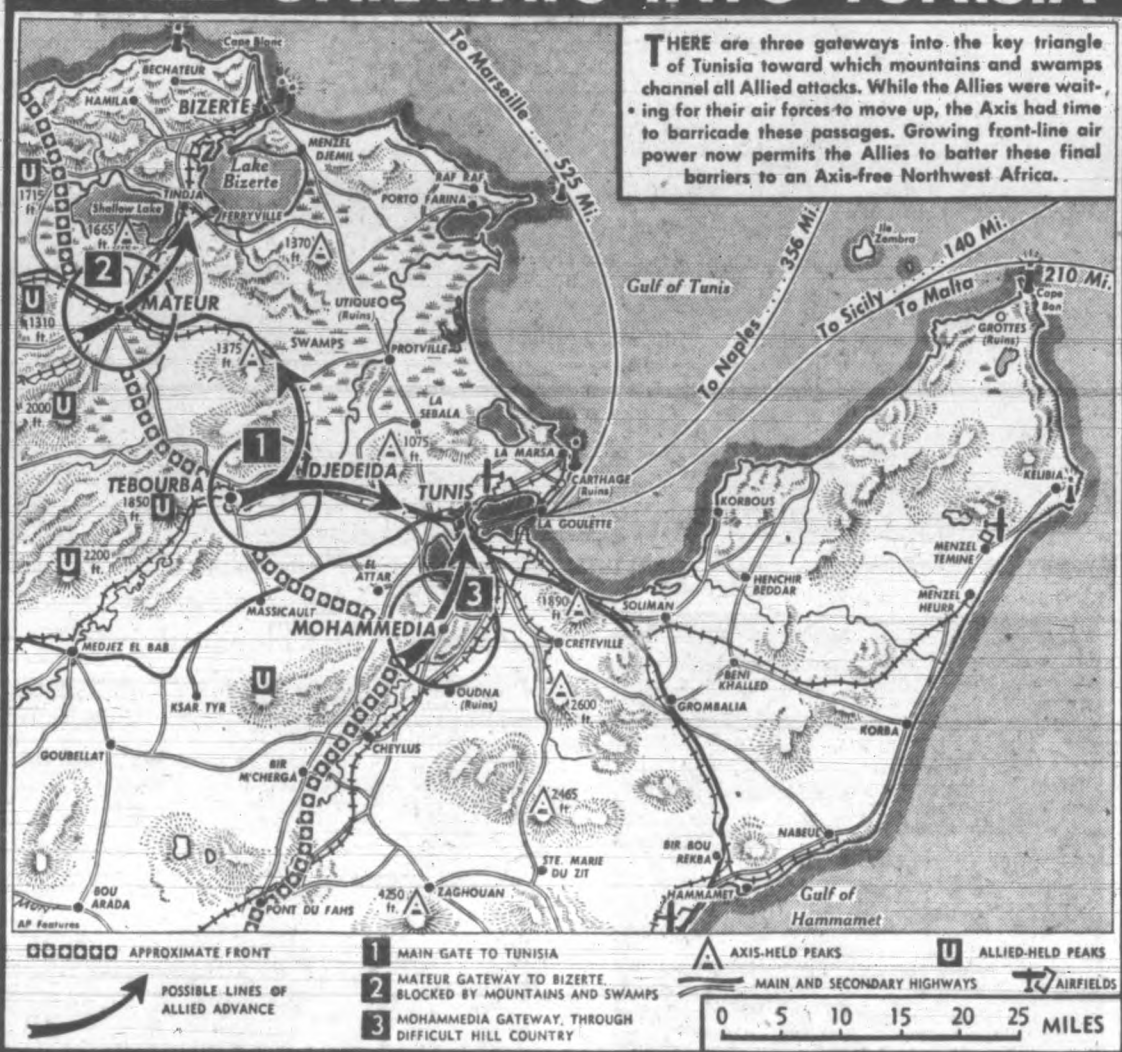
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the surrounding country. The swamps of the Mjerda River delta north of Tunisia and the broken country south of the Mjerda River channel attacks on Tunis to the gateways at Mateur, Djedeida and Mohammedia.

Bizerte, likewise, can best be approached through the Mateur gate and the Tebourba-Djedeida opening in the hills made by the Mjerda River.

The Axis has ably defended these highways of war. Desperate counterattacks by Axis troops have held Mateur, Djedeida, Tebourba and Mohammedia.

Both sides have suffered heavy losses. The lull in the battle was a stalemate pause while both

sides rushed up all reinforcements available. Clear-cut air superiority has not been achieved by either side.

It has been announced that the Allies are slowly achieving command of the air. Heavy Allied guns have been reported in action. From all indications, General Eisenhower's force is poised for the big push.

It is unlikely the attack will move swiftly to the twin goals at Tunis and Bizerte. It is more likely to be a yard-by-yard, grueling battle before the Axis is pushed out of the tough triangular corner of Tunisia and the way is opened to action elsewhere in the Mediterranean theatre.

Christmas In Singapore... One Year Ago

By EUGENE M. JOHNSON

CHRISTMAS EVE!

On this day a year ago I arrived at No. 7 Military Reinforcement Camp, Singapore. Gaunt and bare though this M.R.C. was, it gave me a feeling of security. Very different from the field hospital I had been in a few days before, which was much too close to our wavering front line.

We had left our island defence post, at the mouth of Sungai Kelantan, in a hurry. The Japs were cutting us off. As we lunged through the northern Malay swamp I had stopped at a pool to quench my unbearable thirst. Two days later I became ill. The Indian Army hospital outside Kuala Kri followed, and so had Nippon's bombers!

But now it was all over. Here I was, over 200 miles down the peninsula, on the island of Singapore. My unit was still north of Kuala Kri, so it seemed ridiculous to have come all this way just to be in line with proper army procedure before I could get back to it. Especially as the hospital I had recently "honored" with my presence was only about 15 miles south of the unit's front-line position. We of the Volunteers always "honored" the regular army. It was an old feud and we were very proud of our strictly amateur standing.

I stood in line with my kit bag beside me in the sweltering heat. My legs wobbled a little. A beautifully polished sergeant-major came out of the mustering office. He checked off each man in turn against his list. At last he came to me.

"Name and number?"
"Johnson, 570."

"Rank?"
"Private."

I turned my shoulder towards him. The three thin stripes I had marked on my sleeve with indelible pencil looked pretty sickly. Apparently the sergeant thought so, too, for his expression said "phony!" and convicted me on

the spot. I think he was really disappointed to find sergeant tacked to my name on the official list.

The adjutant had his office at the top of a rise. My legs were still weak from lying in hospital and my pack was heavy. To me, that gentle grade looked like a sheer cliff. My guide made no move to help. He stood there with what, on a normal person's face, is a grin. Then I saw it! By golly he had only two stripes!

"Listen, you!" I rasped. "Pick up that bag and start walking!"

An orderly took me to another sergeant, who took me to the holy of holies. Since the heavens did not fall, nor the lightning strike, I took courage. The brass-bound magnificence at the desk noticed me not at all. Clicking my heels, I saluted. No result. I repeated the operation; slammed my heels together!

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER

The effects that followed were unnerving. Grabbing the papers in front of him with both hands, he threw them into a basket, wrenched back his chair and snarled at me:

"Well! Oh, I see. Another Volunteer!" Suddenly he smiled. "I've got a lot of your chaps. Received them this morning. Damned if I know what to do with you! Anyway, you'll find the others down in E hut."

I took two steps back and saluted, beelined back to leave the office.

"Just a minute, sergeant," he halted me. "You know, in this army we don't check heels and only in peace time was it necessary to take two steps back!"

There was no mouse-hole to crawl into, so I crept out!

Wandering about the camp in search of E hut, I eventually found it. I entered and there was the profound silence that occurs when a number of wagging tongues are suddenly still. Introductions were short. Stand-

ing out in my mind today are two—Brown, corporation engineer, who had brought the Penang ferry safely down to Singapore, refugee and troop-laden, despite every amateur engineer's effort to help him. It had been taken away from him in the end by the navy. Brown was annoyed.

Then there was Wood, quartermaster to the outfit. Commonly known as Gar-Wood, because of his hatred of any speed above walking. A peacetime barrister in Penang, his pearls of wisdom were a great help to me when I went to deal with the Q.M. stores.

The camp S.M. and his volunteer counterpart went into a huddle with a couple of officers. They stood there, chatting with frequent and speculative glances in our direction, as though to weigh the possibility of us mutinying if they laid it on too thick. Finally the S.M. must have convinced them that we were pretty docile, for one of the officers came forward and said in effect:

"Now, you chaps, there are some trenches to be dug. I understand that all of you have had a difficult time. But these trenches will be for your own personal use; so—er—dig 'em!"

We went to work languidly until somebody remembered that the canteen was due to open. We sent the S.M. off to investigate and sat down on the steps of our hut to wait his return. A dark shadow fell over the trench as shrapnel rained down. The ack-ack streaked the night with tracer. Further north toward the naval base we heard the bombs crump. Behind us the city of Singapore was a darkness pocked with small fires. These flickered, died away. We turned in with the all-clear and slept undisturbed till morning.

Christmas Day. On this morn-

ing I was awakened by a scraping at my face. My mosquito net was turned back. Service while you slept was their motto here. A dark face, grinning and turbaned, loomed above me. The razor lifted to carry on; I relaxed. On the floor beside my bed, another Indian orderly sat polishing my boots. Life in the regular army certainly must have its good points. The volunteers were never thus, except in peacetime, when I took my boy to camp.

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The S.M. called us together after breakfast. That afternoon the governor would visit the Penang survivors at E hut. Leave was cancelled. "A merry Christmas!" I mouthed to Brown, who stood rigidly beside me.

"Merry, be damned!" he replied. His wife had arrived in Singapore that dawn by train. He had wanted early leave to arrange for her passage to safety.

Brown's case and my own, however, were exceptions. Mine, because I was not a member of the unit. But before I could go on leave I had to have some new trousers. The Q.M. stores were the answer. I got a note from the adjutant by means of a "Merry Christmas, sir," and went to the Q.M.S. in his den. The trousers presented no problem. But when I cast my eye on a heap of new webbing his refusal was most unchristian. A small Christmas present exchanged hands. I left that den of iniquity with a full set, fitted by the Q.M.S. himself.

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at the hut. I was lectured on my lack of appreciation for the burden of honesty placed on the white man! Gar-Wood informed me that there was nothing more he could teach me about the gentle art of soldiering.

I was back in camp early. Singapore had seemed very hot and dull. A visit to the volunteer headquarters on Beach Road, opposite the Raffles Hotel, and a show finished my ambition to look over the city. Also there is something so comforting in being in your own old trench among your friends when Nippon comes over.

Cookhouse was blown at 6.30 sharp. Since the occasion was a special one, the bugle theme came with variations that sagged horribly at the end.

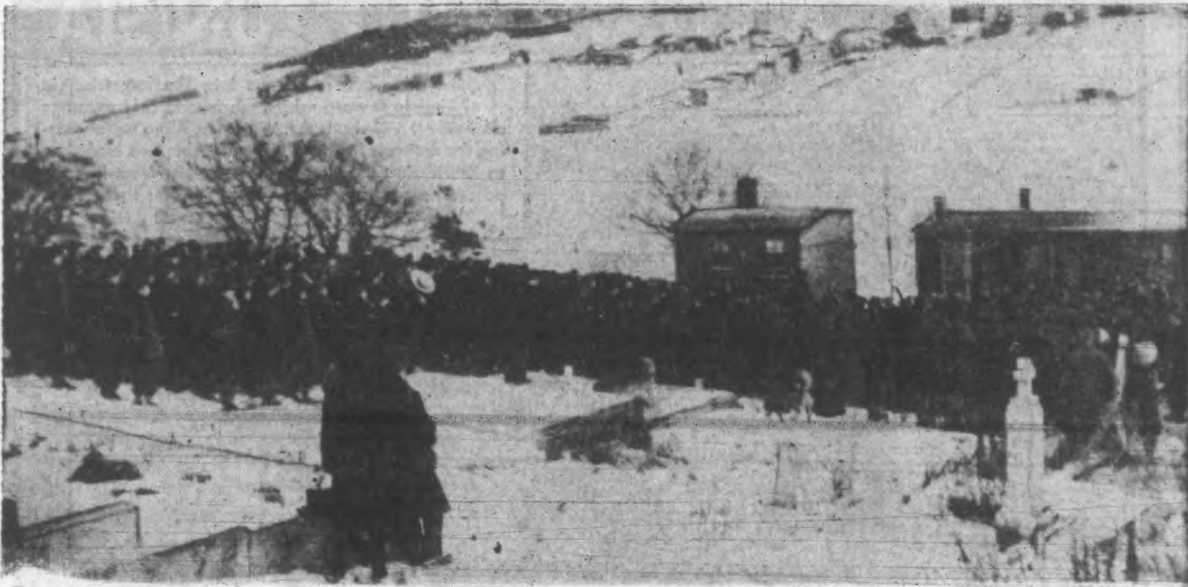
The volunteers had a table to themselves, we found, as we wandered into the dimness of the canteen. There were about 100 others of mixed units. Remnants of the Surreys, the Leicesters, Argyles and even a few Australians. The Penang skipper ushered us to our seats and the fun began. As a Christmas dinner it was complete. The place was festooned with streamers, and the table creaked with the weight of turkey and goose (cold storage), plum pudding (tinned), and all the trimmings.

I like to think that many an old score was paid off at that meal in a good-natured way. Many a tongue-bruised regular called his superior down for poor service. Often did a highly-polished shoulder shudder from concealed wrath. Unaccustomed hands gripped hot plates that splattered. Heavy-booted feet came out to trip the unwary server. It was the private soldiers' one-hour reign of terror, and as it had to last them a whole year, they made the most of it.

As for ourselves, we were silent. We stuffed. Beer flowed. We watched and enjoyed.

At the tables outside we sat talking while darkness fell on that last Christmas of an, as yet, unconquered Singapore.

Newfoundland Hillside Last Scene in Fire Tragedy at St. John's



Mourners look on and military escorts take part in the last rites for the victims in the Knights of Columbus Hostel fire disaster at St. John's Newfoundland.



As many as 10 caskets were placed in one grave, the soldier dead wrapped in the British flag and borne by their comrades to their last resting place.

Paratroop Chief Honored



Col. Edson D. Raff of New York, left, commander of the first contingent of U.S. paratroops in North Africa, stands at attention as French Gen. Edouard Welvert decorates him with the French Legion of Honor medal. Col. Raff and his men flew 1,500 miles from England to get into action.

Canada's Soldiers in Show Business



Canadian Army Show, a new entertainment feature for Canadian soldiers everywhere will shortly go on the road for the benefit of troops in camps and training centres across Canada. The tour will commence after the inception of the show by radio. The entire personnel of the production has been selected from active army formations including the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

Upper photograph shows Capt. Geoffrey Waddington, musical director of the Army Show, following the score at a rehearsal in Montreal. He directs the 32-piece orchestra and huge choir which supports the 80 talented members of the unit. Lower photo shows a rehearsal at Toronto for the "Comrades in Arms" program which is not connected with the army show. This program is a joint venture arranged through the co-operation of the three services heard on Fridays at 10.15



Major "Vic" George, general manager of the army show discussing an act with Cadet Officer Lisa Linaweaver, internationally known dancer, now in charge of C.W.A.C. personnel in the show which will be heard over the national network on Sundays at 9 p.m.

p.m., E.D.T. Front row, left to right, shows Lieut. Court Benson and Lt.-Cmdr. William Strange of the navy, AC2. John Martin, R.C.A.F.; Capt. Dick Diespecker and

Sgt. Dorwin Baird of the army, and FO. Andy McDermott, R.C.A.F., while in the foreground with backs to the camera are producers J. Frank Willis and Mayor Moore.

Cruiser San Francisco in Historic Solomon Battle



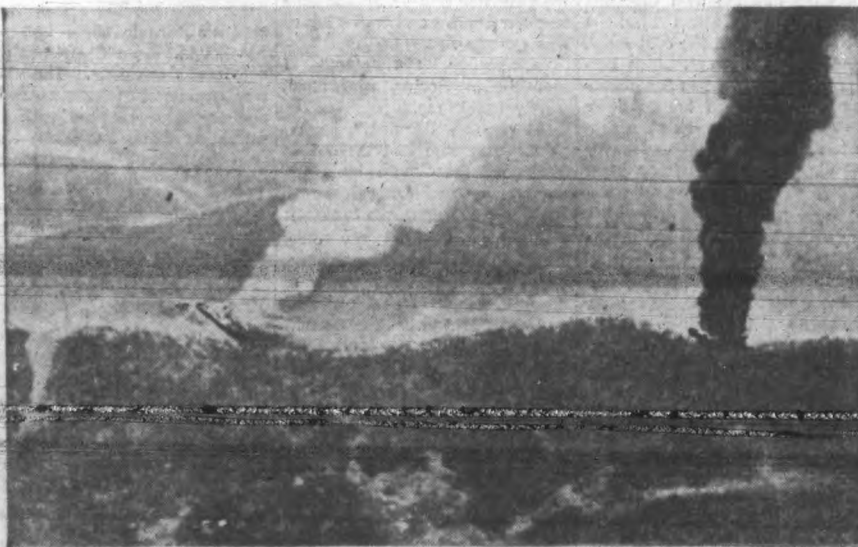
During the historic naval-air battle against the Japs off Guadalcanal November 12 and 13 when the United States cruiser bested a Nipponese battleship, smoke, centre, rises from the spot on the ocean where an enemy plane crashed after sideswiping the U.S. San Francisco, which, too, is smoking at right. An American cargo transport ship, left, steams along under an umbrella of anti-aircraft fire. Japs lost 32 out of 33 planes attacking the convoy.

Masked Man



Coffee drinking Coast Guardsman, aboard schooner of Corsair fleet, opens the mouth of his heavy weather helmet to down a warming cup of coffee.

Japs' Big Guadalcanal Bid Goes Up in Smoke



Beached, fired and beaten, two Japanese transport ships, hit by surface vessels and aircraft, are seen burning on the beach at Tassafaronga, 7 1/2 miles from American positions on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons. They were the only ships to reach the island out of a powerful Japanese fleet which attempted a mass attack on Guadalcanal, but which was repulsed in the action of November 12 to 15.

Movie Miracle



United States actress, Jennifer Jones, but she has been selected to play the much sought after leading role in "The Song of Bernadette," based on the famous miracle of Lourdes. The Tulsa, Okla., girl, whose real name is Phyllis Isley, is pictured in the nun's costume she will wear in the film.

Desert Mulligan



Huddled around a campfire, members of one of four anti-tank crews, on the march near Safi, Morocco, cook up a stew while one of their number peers through field glasses as he stands guard.